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BEING

THE THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS,

BEGUN AND HELD AT

THE CITY OF WASHINGTON,

DECEMBER 5, 1842,

AND IN THE SIXTY-SEVENTH YEAR OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE SAID UNITED STATES.

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

THE THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS commenced this day at the city of Washington, in conformity with the constitution; and the Senate assembled,

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1842.

PRESENT:

From the State of New Hampshire.

The honorable { Leonard Wilcox, Levi Woodbury.

From the State of Massachusetts.

The honorable Isaac C. Bates.

From the State of Connecticut.

The honorable Jabez W. Huntington.

From the State of Vermont.

The honorable Samuel C. Crafts.

From the State of New York.

The honorable { Nathaniel P. Tallmadge, Silas Wright, jr.

From the State of New Jersey.

The honorable William L. Dayton.

From the State of Pennsylvania.

The honorable { James Buchanan, Daniel Sturgeon.

From the State of Delaware.

The honorable { Richard H. Bayard, Thomas Clayton.

From the State of Maryland.

The honorable { John Leeds Kerr, William D. Merrick.

From the State of Virginia.

The honorable { William S. Archer, William C. Rives.

From the State of North Carolina.

The honorable Willie P. Mangum.

From the State of Ohio.

The honorable { William Allen, Benjamin Tappan.

From the State of Alabama.

The honorable William R. King.

From the State of Maine.

The honorable { George Evans, Reuel Williams.

From the State of Missouri.

The honorable Thomas H. Benton.

The honorable Willie P. Mangum, President pro tempore of the Senate, resumed the chair.

The number of Senators present not being sufficient to constitute a quorum,

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1842.

The honorable John J. Crittenden and the honorable James T. Morehead, from the State of Kentucky, and the honorable Perry Smith, from the State of Connecticut, attended.

The number of Senators present not being sufficient to constitute a quorum,

On motion by Mr. Kerr,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1842.

The honorable Alexander Barrow, from the State of Louisiana, the honorable John McPherson Berrien, from the State of Georgia, and the honorable Jacob W. Miller, from the State of New Jersey, attended.

Mr. Huntington presented the credentials of the honorable Samuel C. Crafts, elected a Senator by the Legislature of the State of Vermont, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the honorable Samuel Prentiss; which were read.

Mr. Miller presented the credentials of the honorable William L. Dayton, chosen a Senator by the Legislative Council and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the honorable Samuel L. Southard; which were read.

The oath prescribed by law was administered to the honorable Samuel C. Crafts and the honorable William L. Dayton.

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

Ordered, That the Secretary acquaint the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate has assembled, and that the Senate is ready to proceed to business.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Clarke, their Clerk:

Mr. President: I am directed to inform the Senate that a quorum of the House of Representatives is assembled, and that the House is ready to proceed to business.

The House of Representatives have passed a resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him that a quorum of each House has assembled, and that Congress is ready to receive any communications he may be pleased to make; and Mr. Cushing, Mr. Tillinghast, and Mr. Hunt, have been appointed the committee on their part; in which resolution they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution passed by the House of Representatives for the appointment of a joint committee to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him that a quorum of each House has assembled, and that Congress is ready to receive any communications he may be pleased to make; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

On motion by Mr. Kerr,

Ordered, That the committee on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President pro tempore; and

Mr. Kerr and Mr. King were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Merrick submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That each Senator be supplied during the present session with three such newspapers, printed in any of the States, as he may choose; provided the same be furnished at the usual rate for the annual charge for such newspapers; and provided, that if any Senator shall choose to take any newspaper other than daily papers, he shall be supplied with as many such papers as shall not exceed the price of three daily papers.

Mr. Kerr, from the committee appointed on the part of the Senate, jointly with the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives, to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him that a quorum of each House has assembled, and that Congress is ready to receive any communications he may be pleased to make, reported that they had per-

formed the duty assigned them, and that the President replied, that he would forthwith make a communication to the two Houses.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Tyler, his Secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

We have continued reason to express our profound gratitude to the great Creator of all things for numberless benefits conferred upon us as a people. Blessed with genial seasons, the husbandman has his garners filled with abundance; and the necessaries of life, not to speak of its luxuries, abound in every direction. While, in some other nations, steady and industrious labor can hardly find the means of subsistence, the greatest evil which we have to encounter is a surplus of production beyond the home demand, which seeks, and with difficulty finds, a partial market in other regions. The health of the country, with partial exceptions, has, for the past year, been well preserved; and, under their free and wise institutions, the United States are rapidly advancing toward the consummation of the high destiny which an overruling Providence seems to have marked out for them. Exempt from domestic convulsion, and at peace with all the world, we are left free to consult as to the best means of securing and advancing the happiness of the people. Such are the circumstances under which you now assemble in your respective chambers, and which should lead us to unite in praise and thanksgiving to that great Being who made us, and who preserves us a nation.

I congratulate you, fellow-citizens, on the happy change in the aspect of our foreign affairs since my last annual message. Causes of complaint at that time existed between the United States and Great Britain, which, attended by irritating circumstances, threatened most seriously the public peace. The difficulty of adjusting amicably the questions at issue between the two countries, was, in no small degree, augmented by the lapse of time since they had their origin. The opinions entertained by the Executive on several of the leading topics in dispute, were frankly set forth in the message at the opening of your late session. The appointment of a special minister by Great Britain to the United States with power to negotiate upon most of the points of difference, indicated a desire on her part amicably to adjust them, and that minister was met by the Executive in the same spirit which had dictated his mission. The treaty consequent thereon, having been duly ratified by the two Governments, a copy, together with the correspondence which accompanied it, is herewith communicated. I trust that while you may see in it nothing objectionable, it may be the means of preserving, for an indefinite period, the amicable relations happily existing between the two Governments. The question of peace or war between the United States and Great Britain, is a question of the deepest interest, not only to themselves, but to the civilized world, since it is scarcely possible that a war could exist between them without endangering the peace of Christendom. The immediate effect of the treaty upon ourselves will be felt in the security afforded to mercantile enterprise, which, no longer apprehensive of interruption, adventures its speculations in the most distant seas; and, freighted with the diversified productions of every land, returns to bless our own. There is nothing in the treaty which, in the slightest degree, compromits the honor or dignity of either nation. Next to the settlement of the boundary line, which must always be a matter of difficulty between states as between individuals, the question which seemed

to threaten the greatest embarrassment, was that connected with the African slave-trade.

By the 10th article of the treaty of Ghent it was expressly declared that "whereas, the traffic in slaves is irreconcilable with the principles of humanity and justice; and whereas, both his majesty and the United States are desirous of continuing their efforts to promote its entire abolition, it is hereby agreed that both the contracting parties shall use their best endeavors to accomplish so desirable an object." In the enforcement of the laws and treaty stipulations of Great Britain, a practice had threatened to grow up on the part of its cruisers of subjecting to visitation ships sailing under the American flag, which, while it seriously involved our maritime rights, would subject to vexation a branch of our trade which was daily increasing, and which required the fostering care of the Government. And although Lord Aberdeen, in his correspondence with the American envoys at London, expressly disclaimed all right to detain an American ship on the high seas, even if found with a cargo of slaves on board, and restricted the British pretension to a mere claim to visit and inquire, yet it could not well be discerned by the Executive of the United States, how such visit and inquiry could be made without detention on the voyage, and consequent interruption to the trade. It was regarded as the right of search, presented only in a new form, and expressed in different words; and I therefore felt it to be my duty distinctly to declare, in my annual message to Congress, that no such concession could be made, and that the United States had both the will and the ability to enforce their own laws, and to protect their flag from being used for purposes wholly forbidden by those laws, and obnoxious to the moral censure of the world. Taking the message as his letter of instructions, our then minister at Paris felt himself required to assume the same ground in a remonstrance which he felt it to be his duty to present to M. Guizot, and through him to the King of the French, against what has been called the Quintuple treaty; and his conduct, in this respect, met with the approval of this Government. In close conformity with these views, the eighth article of the treaty was framed, which provides that "each nation shall keep afloat in the African seas, a force of not less than eighty guns, to act separately and apart, under instructions from their respective Governments, and for the enforcement of their respective laws and obligations." From this it will be seen that the ground assumed in the message has been fully maintained, at the same time that the stipulations of the treaty of Ghent are to be carried out in good faith by the two countries, and that all pretence is removed for interference with our commerce for any purpose whatever by a foreign Government. While, therefore, the United States have been standing up for the freedom of the seas, they have not thought proper to make that a pretext for avoiding a fulfilment of their treaty stipulations, or a ground for giving countenance to a trade reprobated by our laws. A similar arrangement by the other great powers could not fail to sweep from the ocean the slave-trade, without the interpolation of any new principle into the maritime code. We may be permitted to hope that the example thus set will be followed by some, if not all of them. We thereby also afford suitable protection to the fair trader in those seas, thus fulfilling at the same time the dictates of a sound policy, and complying with the claims of justice and humanity.

It would have furnished additional cause for congratulation, if the treaty could have embraced all subjects calculated in future to lead to a misunderstanding between the two Governments. The territory of the United States,

commonly called the Oregon territory, lying on the Pacific ocean, north of the 42d degree of latitude, to a portion of which Great Britain lays claim, begins to attract the attention of our fellow-citizens, and the tide of population, which has reclaimed what was so lately an unbroken wilderness in more contiguous regions, is preparing to flow over those vast districts which stretch from the Rocky mountains to the Pacific ocean. In advance of the acquirement of individual rights to these lands, sound policy dictates that every effort should be resorted to by the two Governments to settle their respective claims. It became manifest, at an early hour of the late negotiations, that any attempt, for the time being, satisfactorily to determine those rights, would lead to a protracted discussion which might embrace, in its failure, other more pressing matters, and the Executive did not regard it as proper to waive all the advantages of an honorable adjustment of other difficulties of great magnitude and importance, because this, not so immediately pressing, stood in the way. Although the difficulty referred to may not for several years to come involve the peace of the two countries, yet I shall not delay to urge on Great Britain the importance of its early settlement. Nor will other matters of commercial importance to the two countries be overlooked; and I have good reason to believe that it will comport with the policy of England, as it does with that of the United States, to seize upon this moment, when most of the causes of irritation have passed away, to cement the peace and amity of the two countries, by wisely removing all grounds of probable future collision.

With the other powers of Europe our relations continue on the most amicable footing. Treaties now existing with them should be rigidly observed and every opportunity, compatible with the interests of the United States should be seized upon to enlarge the basis of commercial intercourse. Peace with all the world is the true foundation of our policy, which can only be rendered permanent by the practice of equal and impartial justice to all. Our great desire should be to enter only into that rivalry which looks to the general good, in the cultivation of the sciences, the enlargement of the field for the exercise of the mechanical arts, and the spread of commerce—that great civilizer—to every land and sea. Carefully abstaining from interference in all questions exclusively referring themselves to the political interests of Europe, we may be permitted to hope an equal exemption from the interference of European Governments in what relates to the States of the American continent.

On the 23d of April last, the commissioners on the part of the United States, under the convention with the Mexican republic of the 11th of April, 1839, made to the proper department a final report in relation to the proceedings of the commission. From this, it appears that the total amount awarded to the claimants by the commissioners and the umpire appointed under that convention, was two millions twenty-six thousand and seventy-nine dollars and sixty-eight cents. The arbiter having considered that his functions were required by the convention to terminate at the same time with those of the commissioners, returned to the board undecided, for want of time, claims which had been allowed by the American commissioners to the amount of nine hundred and twenty-eight thousand six hundred and twenty dollars and eighty-eight cents. Other claims, in which the amount sought to be recovered was three millions three hundred and thirty-six thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven dollars and five cents, were submitted to the board too late for its consideration. The minister of the United States at Mexico has been duly authorized to make demand for the payment of the awards according to the

terms of the convention and the provisions of the act of Congress of the 12th of June, 1840. He has also been instructed to communicate to that Government the expectations of the Government of the United States in relation to those claims which were not disposed of according to the provisions of the convention, and all others of citizens of the United States against the Mexican Government.

He has also been furnished with other instructions, to be followed by him in case the Government of Mexico should not find itself in a condition to make present payment of the amount of the awards, in specie or its equivent.

I am happy to be able to say that information which is esteemed favorable, both to a just satisfaction of the awards, and a reasonable provision for other claims, has been recently received from Mr. Thompson, the minister of the United States, who has promptly and efficiently executed the instructions of his Government, in regard to this important subject.

The citizens of the United States who accompanied the late Texan expedition to Santa Fé, and who were wrongfully taken and held as prisoners of war in Mexico, have all been liberated.

A correspondence has taken place between the Department of State and the Mexican Minister of Foreign Affairs, upon the complaint of Mexico that citizens of the United States were permitted to give aid to the inhabitants of Texas in the war existing between her and that republic. Copies of this correspondence are herewith communicated to Congress, together with copies of letters on the same subject, addressed to the diplomatic corps at Mexico, by the American minister and the Mexican Secretary of State.

Mexico has thought proper to reciprocate the mission of the United States to that Government by accrediting to this a minister of the same rank as that of the representative of the United States in Mexico. From the circumstances connected with his mission, favorable results are anticipated from it. It is so obviously for the interest of both countries, as neighbors and friends, that all just causes of mutual dissatisfaction should be removed, that it is to be hoped neither will omit or delay the employment of any practicable and honorable means to accomplish that end.

The affairs pending between this Government and several others of the states of this hemisphere formerly under the dominion of Spain, have again, within the past year, been materially obstructed by the military revolutions and conflicts in those countries.

The ratifications of the treaty between the United States and the Republic of Ecuador, of the 13th of June, 1839, have been exchanged, and that instrument has been duly promulgated on the part of this Government. Copies are now communicated to Congress, with a view to enable that body to make such changes in the laws applicable to our intercourse with that republic, as may be deemed requisite.

Provision has been made by the Government of Chili for the payment of the claim on account of the illegal detention of the brig Warrior at Coquimbo, in 1820. This Government has reason to expect that other claims of our citizens against Chili will be hastened to a final and satisfactory close.

The empire of Brazil has not been altogether exempt from those convulsions which so constantly afflict the neighboring republics. Disturbances which recently broke out are, however, now understood to be quieted. But these occurrences, by threatening the stability of the governments, or by causing incessant and violent changes in them, or in the persons who administer

them, tend greatly to retard provisions for a just indemnity for losses and injuries suffered by individual subjects or citizens of other states. The Government of the United States will feel it to be its duty, however, to consent to no delay, not unavoidable, in making satisfaction for wrongs and injuries sustained by its own citizens. Many years having, in some cases, elapsed, a decisive and effectual course of proceeding will be demanded of the respective governments against whom claims have been preferred.

The vexatious, harassing, and expensive war, which so long prevailed with the Indian tribes inhabiting the peninsula of Florida, has happily been terminated; whereby our army has been relieved from a service of the most disagreeable character, and the Treasury from a large expenditure. Some casual outbreaks may occur, such as are incident to the close proximity of border settlers and the Indians; but these, as in all other cases, may be left to the care of the local authorities, aided, when occasion may require, by the forces of the United States. A sufficient number of troops will be maintained in Florida, so long as the remotest apprehensions of danger shall exist; yet their duties will be limited rather to the garrisoning of the necessary posts, than to the maintenance of active hostilities. It is to be hoped that a territory, so long retarded in its growth, will now speedily recover from the evils incident to a protracted war, exhibiting, in the increased amount of its rich productions, true evidences of returning wealth and prosperity.

By the practice of rigid justice toward the numerous Indian tribes residing within our territorial limits, and the exercise of a parental vigilance over their interests, protecting them against fraud and intrusion, and at the same time using every proper expedient to introduce among them the arts of civilized life, we may fondly hope, not only to wean them from their love for war, but to inspire them with a love for peace and all its avocations. With several of the tribes great progress in civilizing them has already been made. The schoolmaster and the missionary are found side by side; and the remnants of what were once numerous and powerful nations, may yet be preserved as the builders-up of a new name for themselves and their posterity.

The balance in the Treasury on the 1st of January, 1842 (exclusive of the amount deposited with the States, trust-funds, and indemnities), was $230,483 68. The receipts into the Treasury during the first three quarters of the present year, from all sources, amount to $26,616,593 78; of which more than fourteen millions were received from customs, and about one million from the public lands. The receipts for the fourth quarter are estimated at nearly eight millions; of which four millions are expected from customs, and three and a half millions from loans and treasury-notes. The expenditures of the first three quarters of the present year exceed twenty-six millions; and those estimated for the fourth quarter amount to about eight millions; and it is anticipated there will be a deficiency of half a million on the 1st of January next, but that the amount of outstanding warrants (estimated at $800,000) will leave an actual balance of about $224,000 in the Treasury. Among the expenditures of the year, are more than eight millions for the public debt, and $600,000 on account of the distribution to the States of the proceeds of sales of the public lands.

The present tariff of duties was somewhat hastily and hurriedly passed near the close of the late session of Congress. That it should have defects can, therefore, be surprising to no one. To remedy such defects as may be found to exist in many of its numerous provisions, will not fail to claim your serious attention. It may well merit inquiry, whether the exaction of all duties in

cash does not call for the introduction of a system which has proved highly beneficial in countries where it has been adopted. I refer to the warehousing system. The first and most prominent effect which it would produce, would be to protect the market alike against redundant or deficient supplies of foreign fabrics—both of which, in the long run, are injurious as well to the manufacturer as the importer. The quantity of goods in store being at all times readily known, it would enable the importer, with an approach to accuracy, to ascertain the actual wants of the market, and to regulate himself accordingly. If, however, he should fall into error, by importing an excess above the public wants, he could readily correct its evils, by availing himself of the benefits and advantages of the system thus established. In the storehouse the goods imported would await the demands of the market, and their issues would be governed by the fixed principles of demand and supply. Thus an approximation would be made to a steadiness and uniformity of price, which, if attainable, would conduce to the decided advantage of mercantile and mechanical operations.

The apprehension may be well entertained that without something to ameliorate the rigor of cash payments, the entire import trade may fall into the hands of a few wealthy capitalists in this country, and in Europe. The small importer, who requires all the money he can raise for investments abroad, and who can but ill afford to pay the lowest duty, would have to subduct in advance a portion of his funds in order to pay the duties, and would lose the interest upon the amount thus paid for all the time the goods might remain unsold, which might absorb his profits. The rich capitalist abroad, as well as at home, would thus possess, after a short time, an almost exclusive monopoly of the import trade, and laws designed for the benefit of all, would thus operate for the benefit of the few—a result wholly uncongenial with the spirit of our institutions, and anti-republican in all its tendencies. The warehousing system would enable the importer to watch the market, and to select his own time for offering his goods for sale. A profitable portion of the carrying trade in articles entered for the benefit of drawback, must also be most seriously affected, without the adoption of some expedient to relieve the cash system. The warehousing system would afford that relief, since the carrier would have a safe recourse to the public storehouses, and might, without advancing the duty, reship within some reasonable period to foreign ports. A further effect of the measure would be to supersede the system of drawbacks, thereby effectually protecting the Government against fraud, as the right of debenture would not attach to goods after their withdrawal from the public stores.

In revising the existing tariff of duties (should you deem it proper to do so at your present session), I can only repeat the suggestions and recommendations which, upon several occasions, I have heretofore felt it to be my duty to offer to Congress. The great primary and controlling interest of the American people is union—union not only in the mere forms of government—forms which may be broken—but union founded in an attachment of States and individuals for each other. This union in sentiment and feeling can only be preserved by the adoption of that course of policy which, neither giving exclusive benefits to some, nor imposing unnecessary burdens upon others, shall consult the interests of all, by pursuing a course of moderation, and thereby seeking to harmonize public opinion, and causing the people everywhere to feel and to know that the Government is careful of the interests of all alike. Nor is there any subject in regard to which moderation,

connected with a wise discrimination, is more necessary than in the imposition of duties on imports. Whether reference be had to revenue, the primary object in the imposition of taxes, or to the incidents which necessarily flow from their imposition, this is entirely true. Extravagant duties defeat their end and object, not only by exciting in the public mind an hostility to the manufacturing interests, but by inducing a system of smuggling on an extensive scale, and the practice of every manner of fraud upon the revenue, which the utmost vigilance of Government can not effectually suppress. An opposite course of policy would be attended by results essentially different, of which every interest of society, and none more than those of the manufacturer, would reap important advantages.

Among the most striking of its benefits would be that derived from the general acquiescence of the country in its support, and the consequent permanency and stability which would be given to all the operations of industry. It can not be too often repeated, that no system of legislation can be wise which is fluctuating and uncertain. No interest can thrive under it. The prudent capitalist will never adventure his capital in manufacturing establishments, or in any other leading pursuit of life, if there exists a state of uncertainty as to whether the Government will repeal to-morrow what it has enacted to-day. Fitful profits, however high, if threatened with a ruinous reduction by a vacillating policy on the part of Government, will scarcely tempt him to trust the money which he has acquired by a life of labor, upon the uncertain adventure. I, therefore, in the spirit of conciliation, and influenced by no other desire than to rescue the great interests of the country from the vortex of political contention, and in the discharge of the high and solemn duties of the place which I now occupy, recommend moderate duties, imposed with a wise discrimination as to their several objects, as being not only most likely to be durable, but most advantageous to every interest of society.

The report of the Secretary of the War Department exhibits a very full and satisfactory account of the various and important interests committed to the charge of that officer. It is particularly gratifying to find that the expenditures for the military service are greatly reduced in amount—that a strict system of economy has been introduced into the service, and the abuses of past years greatly reformed. The fortifications on our maritime frontier have been prosecuted with much vigor, and at many points our defences are in a very considerable state of forwardness. The suggestions in reference to the establishment of means of communication with our territories on the Pacific, and to the surveys so essential to a knowledge of the resources of the intermediate country, are entitled to the most favorable consideration. While I would propose nothing inconsistent with friendly negotiations to settle the extent of our claims in that region, yet a prudent forecast points out the necessity of such measures as may enable us to maintain our rights. The arrangements made for preserving our neutral relations on the boundary between us and Texas, and keeping in check the Indians in that quarter, will be maintained so long as circumstances may require.

For several years angry contentions have grown out of the disposition directed by law to be made of the mineral lands held by the Government in several of the States. The Government is constituted the landlord, and the citizens of the States wherein lie the lands, are its tenants. The relation is an unwise one, and it would be much more conducive of the public interest that a sale of the lands should be made, than that they should remain in their present

condition. The supply of the ore would be more abundantly and certainly furnished, when to be drawn from the enterprise and the industry of the proprietor, than under the present system.

The recommendation of the Secretary in regard to the improvements of the western waters, and certain prominent harbors on the lakes, merits, and I doubt not will receive, your serious attention. The great importance of these subjects to the prosperity of the extensive region referred to, and the security of the whole country in time of war, can not escape observation. The losses of life and property which annually occur in the navigation of the Mississippi alone, because of the dangerous obstructions in the river, make a loud demand upon Congress for the adoption of efficient measures for their removal.

The report of the Secretary of the Navy will bring you acquainted with that important branch of the public defences. Considering the already vast and daily increasing commerce of the country, apart from the exposure to hostile inroad of an extended seaboard, all that relates to the navy is calculated to excite particular attention. Whatever tends to add to its efficiency, without entailing unnecessary charges upon the Treasury, is well worthy of your serious consideration. It will be seen that while an appropriation exceeding by more than a million the appropriations of the present year, is asked by the Secretary, yet that in this sum is proposed to be included $400,000 for the purchase of clothing, which, when once expended, will be annually reimbursed by the sale of the clothes, and will thus constitute a perpetual fund, without any new appropriation to the same object. To this may also be added $50,000, asked to cover the arrearages of past years, and $250,000 in order to maintain a competent squadron on the coast of Africa; all of which, when deducted, will reduce the expenditures nearly within the limits of those of the current year. While, however, the expenditures will thus remain very nearly the same as of the antecedent year, it is proposed to add greatly to the operations of the marine, and in lieu of only 25 ships in commission, and but little in the way of building, to keep, with the same expenditure, 41 vessels afloat, and to build 12 ships of a small class.

A strict system of accountability is established, and great pains are taken to insure industry, fidelity, and economy, in every department of duty. Experiments have been instituted to test the quality of various materials, particularly copper, iron, and coal, so as to prevent fraud and imposition.

It will appear by the report of the Postmaster General that the great point which, for several years, has been so much desired, has, during the current year, been fully accomplished. The expenditures of the Department, for the current year, have been brought within its income without lessening its general usefulness. There has been an increase of revenue equal to $166,000 for the year 1842 over that of 1841, without, as it is believed, any addition having been made to the number of letters and newspapers transmitted through the mails. The Post Office laws have been honestly administered, and fidelity has been observed in accounting for, and paying over by the subordinates of the Department, the moneys which have been received. For the details of the service I refer you to the report.

I flatter myself that the exhibition thus made of the condition of the public administration will serve to convince you that every proper attention has been paid to the interests of the country by those who have been called to the heads of the different Departments. The reduction in the annual expenditures of the Government, already accomplished, furnishes a sure evidence that economy in the application of the public moneys, is regarded as a paramount duty.

At peace with all the world—the personal liberty of the citizen sacredly maintained, and his rights secured under political institutions deriving all their authority from the direct sanction of the people, with a soil fertile almost beyond example; and a country blessed with every diversity of climate and production, what remains to be done in order to advance the happiness and prosperity of such a people? Under ordinary circumstances this inquiry could readily be answered. The best that probably could be done for a people inhabiting such a country, would be to fortify their peace and security in the prosecution of their various pursuits, by guarding them against invasion from without, and violence from within. The rest, for the greater part, might be left to their own energy and enterprise. The chief embarrassments which at the moment exhibit themselves, have arisen from overaction; and the most difficult task which remains to be accomplished, is that of correcting and overcoming its effects.

Between the years 1833 and 1838, additions were made to bank capital and bank issues, in the form of notes designed for circulation, to an extent enormously great. The question seemed to be, not how the best currency could be provided, but in what manner the greatest amount of bank paper could be put in circulation. Thus, a vast amount of what was called money —since, for the time being, it answered the purposes of money—was thrown upon the country; an over-issue which was attended, as a necessary consequence, by an extravagant increase of the prices of all articles of property, the spread of a speculative mania all over the country, and has finally ended in a general indebtedness on the part of States and individuals, the prostration of public and private credit, a depreciation in the market value of real and personal estate, and has left large districts of country almost entirely without any circulating medium. In view of the fact that, in 1830, the whole bank-note circulation within the United States amounted to but $61,323,898, according to the Treasury statements, and that an addition had been made thereto of the enormous sum of $88,000,000 in seven years (the circulation on the 1st January, 1837, being stated at $149,185,890), aided by the great facilities afforded in obtaining loans from European capitalists, who were seized with the same speculative *mania* which prevailed in the United States—and the large importations of funds from abroad, the result of stock sales and loans—no one can be surprised at the apparent, but unsubstantial state of prosperity which everywhere prevailed over the land; and while little cause of surprise should be felt at the present prostration of everything, and the ruin which has befallen so many of our fellow-citizens in the sudden withdrawal from circulation of so large an amount of bank issues since 1837—exceeding, as is believed, the amount added to the paper currency for a similar period antecedent to 1837, it ceases to be a matter of astonishment that such extensive shipwreck should have been made of private fortunes, or that difficulties should exist in meeting their engagements on the part of the debtor States. Apart from which, if there be taken into account the immense losses sustained in the dishonor of numerous banks, it is less a matter of surprise that insolvency should have visited many of our fellow-citizens, than that so many should have escaped the blighting influences of the times.

In the solemn conviction of these truths, and with an ardent desire to meet the pressing necessities of the country, I felt it to be my duty to cause to be submitted to you, at the commencement of your late session, the plan of an Exchequer, the whole power and duty of maintaining which, in purity and vigor, was to be exercised by the representatives of the people and of the States,

and, therefore, virtually by the people themselves. It was proposed to place it under the control and direction of a treasury board, to consist of three commissioners, whose duty it should be to see that the law of its creation was faithfully executed, and that the great end of supplying a paper medium of exchange, at all times convertible into gold and silver, should be attained. The board thus constituted, was given as much permanency as could be imparted to it, without endangering the proper share of responsibility which should attach to all public agents. In order to insure all the advantages of a well-matured experience, the commissioners were to hold their offices for the respective periods of two, four, and six years, thereby securing at all times in the management of the Exchequer, the services of two men of experience; and to place them in a condition to exercise perfect independence of mind and action, it was provided that their removal should only take place for actual incapacity or infidelity to the trust, and to be followed by the President with an exposition of the causes of such removal, should it occur. It was proposed to establish subordinate boards in each of the States, under the same restrictions and limitations of the power of removal, which, with the central board, should receive, safely keep, and disburse the public moneys; and in order to furnish a sound paper medium of exchange, the Exchequer should retain of the revenues of the Government a sum not to exceed $5,000,000 in specie, to be set apart as required by its operations, and to pay the public creditor at his own option, either in specie or treasury-notes, of denominations not less than five, nor exceeding one hundred dollars; which notes should be redeemed at the several places of issue, and to be receivable at all times and everywhere in payment of Government dues; with a restraint upon such issue of bills that the same should not exceed the *maximum* of $15,000,000.

In order to guard against all the hazards incident to fluctuations in trade, the Secretary of the Treasury was invested with authority to issue $5,000,000 of Government stock, should the same at any time be regarded as necessary, in order to place beyond hazard the prompt redemption of the bills which might be thrown into circulation; thus, in fact, making the issue of $15,000,000 of exchequer-bills rest substantially on $10,000,000, and keeping in circulation never more than one and one half dollars for every dollar in specie. When to this it is added that the bills are not only everywhere receivable in Government dues, but that the Government itself would be bound for their ultimate redemption, no rational doubt can exist that the paper which the Exchequer would furnish would readily enter into general circulation, and be maintained at all times at or above par with gold and silver; thereby realizing the great want of the age, and fulfilling the wishes of the people. In order to reimburse the Government the expenses of the plan, it was proposed to invest the Exchequer with the limited authority to deal in bills of exchange, unless prohibited by the State in which an agency might be situated, having only thirty days to run, and resting on a fair and *bonafide* basis. The legislative will on this point might be so plainly announced as to avoid all pretext for partiality or favoritism. It was furthermore proposed to invest this treasury agent with authority to receive on deposite, to a limited amount, the specie funds of individuals, and to grant certificates therefor, to be redeemed on presentation, under the idea, which is believed to be well founded, that such certificates would come in aid of the exchequer-bills, in supplying a safe and ample paper circulation; or if, in place of the contemplated dealings in exchange, the Exchequer should be authorized, not only to exchange its bills for actual deposites of specie, but for specie or its

equivalent to sell drafts, charging therefor a small but reasonable premium, I can not doubt but that the benefits of the law would be speedily manifested in the revival of the credit, trade, and business of the whole country. Entertaining this opinion, it becomes my duty to urge its adoption upon Congress, by reference to the strongest considerations of the public interests, with such alterations in its details as Congress may in its wisdom see fit to make.

I am well aware that this proposed alteration and amendment of the laws establishing the Treasury Department has encountered various objections, and that among others it has been proclaimed a Government bank of fearful and dangerous import. It is proposed to confer upon it no extraordinary powers. It purports to do no more than pay the debts of the Government with the redeemable paper of the Government, in which respect it accomplishes precisely what the Treasury does daily at this time, in issuing to the public creditors the treasury-notes which, under law, it is authorized to issue. It has no resemblance to an ordinary bank, as it furnishes no profits to private stockholders, and lends no capital to individuals. If it be objected to as a Government bank, and the objection be available, then should all the laws in relation to the Treasury be repealed, and the capacity of the Government to collect what is due to it, or pay what it owes, be abrogated.

This is the chief purpose of the proposed Exchequer; and surely if, in the accomplishment of a purpose so essential, it affords a sound circulating medium to the country, and facilities to trade, it should be regarded as no slight recommendation of it to public consideration. Properly guarded by the provisions of law, it can run into no dangerous evil, nor can any abuse arise under it but such as the Legislature itself will be answerable for, if it be tolerated; since it is but the creature of the law, and is susceptible at all times of modification, amendment, or repeal, at the pleasure of Congress. I know that it has been objected that the system would be liable to be abused by the Legislature, by whom alone it could be abused, in the party conflicts of the day; that such abuse would manifest itself in a change of the law which would authorize an excessive issue of paper for the purpose of inflating prices and winning popular favor. To that it may be answered, that the ascription of such a motive to Congress is altogether gratuitous and inadmissible. The theory of our institutions would lead us to a different conclusion. But a perfect security against a proceeding so reckless, would be found to exist in the very nature of things. The political party which should be so blind to the true interests of the country, as to resort to such an expedient, would inevitably meet with final overthrow in the fact that, the moment the paper ceased to be convertible into specie, or otherwise promptly redeemed, it would become worthless, and would, in the end, dishonor the Government, involve the people in ruin, and such political party in hopeless disgrace. At the same time, such a view involves the utter impossibility of furnishing any currency other than that of the precious metals; for if the Government itself can not forego the temptation of excessive paper issues, what reliance can be placed in corporations upon whom the temptations of individual aggrandizement would most strongly operate? The people would have to blame none but themselves for any injury that might arise from a course so reckless, since their agents would be the wrong-doers, and they the passive spectators.

There can be but three kinds of public currency: first, gold and silver; second, the paper of State institutions; or, third, a representative of the precious metals provided by the General Government, or under its authority. The Sub-Treasury system rejected the last in any form; and, as it was be-

lieved that no reliance could be placed on the issues of local institutions, for the purposes of general circulation, it necessarily and unavoidably adopted specie as the exclusive currency for its own use. And this must ever be the case unless one of the other kinds be used. The choice, in the present state of public sentiment, lies between an exclusive specie currency on the one hand, and Government issues of some kind on the other. That these issues can not be made by a chartered institution, is supposed to be conclusively settled. They must be made then directly by Government agents. For several years past they have been thus made in the form of treasury-notes, and have answered a valuable purpose. Their usefulness has been limited by their being transient and temporary; their ceasing to bear interest at given periods, necessarily causes their speedy return, and thus restricts their range of circulation, and being used only in the disbursements of the Government, they can not reach those points where they are most required. By rendering their use permanent, to the moderate extent already mentioned, by offering no inducement for their return, and by exchanging them for coin and other values, they will constitute, to a certain extent, the general currency so much needed to maintain the internal trade of the country. And this is the Exchequer plan, so far as it may operate in furnishing a currency.

I can not forego the occasion to urge its importance to the credit of the Government in a financial point of view. The great necessity of resorting to every proper and becoming expedient in order to place the Treasury on a footing of the highest respectability, is entirely obvious. The credit of the Government may be regarded as the very soul of the Government itself—a principle of vitality without which all its movements are languid, and all its operations embarrassed. In this spirit the Executive felt itself bound by the most imperative sense of duty to submit to Congress, at its last session, the propriety of making a specific pledge of the land fund, as the basis for the negotiation of the loans authorized to be contracted. I then thought that such an application of the public domain would, without doubt, have placed at the command of the Government, ample funds to relieve the Treasury from the temporary embarrassments under which it labored. American credit has suffered a considerable shock in Europe, from the large indebtedness of the States and the temporary inability of some of them to meet the interest on their debts. The utter and disastrous prostration of the United States Bank of Pennsylvania, had contributed largely to increase the sentiment of distrust by reason of the loss and ruin sustained by the holders of its stock, a large portion of whom were foreigners, and many of whom were alike ignorant of our political organization, and of our actual responsibilities. It was the anxious desire of the Executive that, in the effort to negotiate the loan abroad, the American negotiator might be able to point the money-lender to the fund mortgaged for the redemption of the principal and interest of any loan he might contract, and thereby vindicate the Government from all suspicion of bad faith or inability to meet its engagements. Congress differed from the Executive in this view of the subject. It became, nevertheless, the duty of the Executive to resort to every expedient in its power to negotiate the authorized loan. After a failure to do so in the American market, a citizen of high character and talent was sent to Europe with no better success; and thus the mortifying spectacle has been presented of the inability of this Government to obtain a loan so small as not in the whole to amount to more than one fourth of its ordinary annual income, at a time when the Governments of Europe, although involved in debt, and with their subjects heavily burdened with

taxation, readily obtain loans of any amount at a greatly reduced rate of interest. It would be unprofitable to look further into this anomalous state of things; but I can not conclude without adding that, for a Government which has paid off its debts of two wars with the largest maritime power of Europe, and now owing a debt which is almost next to nothing when compared with its boundless resources, a Government the strongest in the world, because emanating from the popular will, and firmly rooted in the affections of a great and free people, and whose fidelity to its engagements has never been questioned; for such a Government to have tendered to the capitalists of other countries an opportunity for a small investment of its stock, and yet to have failed, implies either the most unfounded distrust in its good faith, or a purpose, to obtain which, the course pursued is the most fatal which could have been adopted. It has now become obvious to all men that the Government must look to its own means for supplying its wants, and it is consoling to know that these means are altogether adequate for the object. The Exchequer, if adopted, will greatly aid in bringing about this result. Upon what I regard as a well-founded supposition that its bills would be readily sought for by the public creditors, and that the issue would in a short time reach the maximum of $15,000,000, it is obvious that $10,000,000 would thereby be added to the available means of the Treasury without cost or charge. Nor can I fail to urge the great and beneficial effects which would be produced in aid of all the active pursuits of life. Its effects upon the solvent State banks, while it would force into liquidation those of an opposite character through its weekly settlements, would be highly beneficial; and with the advantages of a sound currency, the restoration of confidence and credit would follow, with a numerous train of blessings. My convictions are most strong that these benefits would flow from the adoption of this measure; but if the result should be adverse, there is this security in connexion with it, that the law creating it may be repealed at the pleasure of the Legislature, without the slightest implication of its good faith.

I recommend to Congress to take into consideration the propriety of reimbursing a fine imposed on General Jackson at New Orleans, at the time of the attack and defence of that city, and paid by him. Without designing any reflection on the judicial tribunal which imposed the fine, the remission at this day may be regarded as not unjust or inexpedient. The voice of the civil authority was heard amid the glitter of arms, and obeyed by those who held the sword, thereby giving additional lustre to a memorable military achievement. If the laws were offended, their majesty was fully vindicated; and although the penalty incurred and paid, is worthy of little regard in a pecuniary point of view, it can hardly be doubted that it would be gratifying to the war-worn veteran, now in retirement and in the winter of his days, to be relieved from the circumstances in which that judgment placed him. There are cases in which public functionaries may be called on to weigh the public interest against their own personal hazards, and if the civil law be violated from praiseworthy motives, or an overruling sense of public danger and public necessity, punishment may well be restrained within that limit which asserts and maintains the authority of the law, and the subjection of the military to the civil power. The defence of New Orleans, while it saved a city from the hands of the enemy, placed the name of General Jackson among those of the greatest captains of the age, and illustrated one of the brightest pages of our history. Now that the causes of excitement, existing at the time, have ceased to operate, it is believed that the remission of this

fine, and whatever of gratification that remission might cause the eminent man who incurred and paid it, would be in accordance with the general feeling and wishes of the American people.

I have thus, fellow-citizens, acquitted myself of my duty under the Constitution, by laying before you, as succinctly as I have been able, the state of the Union, and by inviting your attention to measures of much importance to the country. The Executive will most zealously unite its efforts with those of the Legislative Department in the accomplishment of all that is required to relieve the wants of a common constituency, or elevate the destinies of a beloved country.

JOHN TYLER.

WASHINGTON, *December* 7, 1842.

The message was read.

On motion by Mr. Kerr, and by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That it be printed; and that fifteen hundred copies of the message and the accompanying documents, and three thousand five hundred copies of the message alone, be printed for the use of the Senate, in addition to the usual number.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the Treasurer of the United States, transmitting copies of his accounts with the United States for the 3d and 4th quarters of 1841, and the 1st and 2d quarters of 1842; which was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Clarke, their Clerk:

Mr. President: I am directed to communicate to the Senate information of the death of the honorable James W. Williams, late a member of the House of Representatives from the State of Maryland, and the proceedings of the House of Representatives thereupon.

Mr. Kerr submitted the following resolutions; which were considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Senate have received, with deep sensibility, the proceedings of the House of Representatives on the sudden death of the honorable James W. Williams, a member of that body from the State of Maryland, and sincerely sympathize in the regrets incident to that mournful occasion.

Resolved, That in testimony of their high respect for the character of the deceased, the members of the Senate will wear the usual badge of mourning for the space of thirty days; and, as a further testimonial of respect for the memory of the deceased, that the Senate forthwith adjourn.

Whereupon

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1842.

The honorable William A. Graham, from the State of North Carolina, and the honorable Augustus S. Porter, from the State of Michigan, attended.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Navy, made agreeably to law, containing an abstract of expenditures, under the head of contingent expenses of the naval establishment, from the 1st of October, 1841, to the 30th of September, 1842; which was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Huntington submitted the following resolution; which was considered by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the thirty-fourth rule of the Senate be so far suspended, that the presiding officer of the Senate shall appoint, for the present session, the standing committees of the Senate.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Clarke, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to direct and superintend the expenditure of all moneys appropriated for the purchase of books for the Library of Congress, and all such other matters pertaining to said Library as are not otherwise provided for.

They have also passed a resolution for the election, by Congress, of two chaplains of different denominations, one by each House, who shall interchange weekly; in which resolutions, they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution from the House of Representatives, for the appointment of a joint library committee; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

On motion by Mr. Tappan,

Ordered, That the said committee, on the part of the Senate, be appointed by the President pro tempore; and

Mr. Woodbridge, Mr. Tappan, and Mr. Choate, were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution, from the House of Representatives, for the appointment of chaplains to Congress for the present session; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

On motion by Mr. Bates,

The Senate proceeded to the election of a chaplain to Congress, on their part; and,

On counting the ballots, it appeared that the Rev. Septimus Tuston was duly elected.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Benton asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 1) to repeal the bankrupt act; which was read, passed to the second reading, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Tallmadge submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of instructing the Secretary of State to communicate with the judicial officers of the United States who have had the execution of the bankrupt law, and ascertain from them the number of applications under the act, both voluntary and involuntary, the number of discharges, the points decided under any provision of the act, the opinions of the judges as to any amendments or modifications of the act, and such other information as he may deem necessary to show the effects and operation of the act, and that he report to the Senate on the first day of the next session of Congress.

Mr. Bayard submitted the following preamble and resolution for consideration; which were read, and ordered to be printed:

Whereas, the Senate of the United States, in the exercise of its functions as a deliberative assembly, did, on the 28th day of March, 1834, adopt the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the President, in the late Executive proceedings in relation to the revenue, has assumed upon himself authority and power not conferred by the constitution and laws, but in derogation of both:"

And whereas afterward, to wit, on the 16th day of January, 1837, the Senate, in reference to the above resolution, adopted another as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the said resolve be expunged from the Journal: and for that purpose, that the Secretary of the Senate, at such time as the Senate may appoint, shall bring the manuscript Journal of the session of 1833–'4 into the Senate, and, in the presence of the Senate, draw black lines round the said resolve, and write across the face thereof, in strong letters, the words following: Expunged by order of the Senate, this 16th day of January, in the year of our Lord 1837:"

And whereas the constitution of the United States expressly requires that each House of Congress shall keep a journal of its proceedings, meaning thereby to preserve a faithful and permanent record of those proceedings:

And whereas the Senate of the United States, independently of its legislative, executive, and judicial functions, has the inherent right as a deliberative assembly, to express its opinions, which can be done only by resolution—which opinions, when thus expressed, become part of its proceedings, of which the constitution provides that a permanent record shall be kept:

And whereas the resolution of the 16th of January, 1837, and the act of the Secretary of the Senate in compliance with it, in legal contemplation destroyed, and in fact defaced the record of the proceedings to which it refers: wherefore,

Resolved, That the resolution of the 16th of January, 1837, commonly called the expunging resolution, be, and the same is hereby, rescinded, and shall be forever hereafter held as naught; and that in all future publications of that portion of the Journal which contains the resolution of 1833–'4, and in all copies which may hereafter be made of the same for any official or legal purpose, the said resolution of 1833–'4 shall be published and copied as it was originally entered on the said Journal, without any notice whatever of the superscription which was erroneously made in pursuance of the resolution of the 16th of January, 1837.

On motion by Mr. Bayard,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, December 12, 1842.

The honorable Charles M. Conrad, from the State of Louisiana; the honorable William S. Fulton, from the State of Arkansas; the honorable Lewis F. Linn, from the State of Missouri; the honorable James F. Simmons, and the honorable William Sprague, from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations; the honorable Oliver H. Smith, and the honorable Albert S. White, from the State of Indiana; the honorable William Woodbridge, from the State of Michigan; and the honorable Richard M. Young, from the State of Illinois; attended.

The President pro tempore announced the appointment of the following standing committees, in pursuance of the resolution of the 8th instant:

A Committee on Foreign Relations, consisting of Mr. Archer, Mr. Berrien, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Tallmadge, and Mr. Choate.

A Committe on Finance, consisting of Mr. Evans, Mr. Graham, Mr. Woodbury, Mr. Berrien, and Mr. Crittenden.

A Committee on Commerce, consisting of Mr. Huntington, Mr. Woodbridge, Mr. King, Mr. Barrow, and Mr. Wright.

A Committee on Manufactures, consisting of Mr. Simmons, Mr. Archer, Mr. Miller, Mr. Buchanan, and Mr. Morehead.

A Committee on Agriculture, consisting of Mr. Linn, Mr. Bates, Mr. Crafts, Mr. Smith, of Connecticut, and Mr. Sturgeon.

A Committee on Military Affairs, consisting of Mr. Crittenden, Mr. Merrick, Mr. Benton, Mr. Huntington, and Mr. Wilcox.

A Committee on the Militia, consisting of Mr. Barrow, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Smith, of Indiana, Mr. Williams, and McRoberts.

A Committee on Naval Affairs, consisting of Mr. Bayard, Mr. Choate, Mr. Williams, Mr. Barrow, and Mr. Graham.

A Committee on Public Lands, consisting of Mr. Smith, of Indiana, Mr. Tallmadge, Mr. Walker, Mr. Huntington, and Mr. Conrad.

A Committee on Private Land Claims, consisting of Mr. Henderson, Mr. Linn, Mr. Tappan, Mr. Fulton, and Mr. Sprague.

A Committee on Indian Affairs, consisting of Mr. White, Mr. Morehead, Mr. Sevier, Mr. Phelps, and Mr. Benton.

A Committee of Claims, consisting of Mr. Graham, Mr. Wright, Mr. Woodbury, Mr. Woodbridge, and Mr. Phelps.

A Committee on Revolutionary Claims, consisting of Mr. Phelps, Mr. Clayton, Mr. Smith, of Connecticut, Mr. Allen, and Mr. Williams.

A Committee on the Judiciary, consisting of Mr. Berrien, Mr. Clayton, Mr. Dayton, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Kerr.

A Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, consisting of Mr. Merrick, Mr. Simmons, Mr. McRoberts, Mr. Conrad, and Mr. Miller.

A Committee on Roads and Canals, consisting of Mr. Porter, Mr. White, Mr. Young, Mr. King, and Mr. Cuthbert.

A Committee on Pensions, consisting of Mr. Bates, Mr. Phelps, Mr. Allen, Mr. Bagby, and Mr. Sevier.

A Committee on the District of Columbia, consisting of Mr. Miller, Mr. Bayard, Mr. King, Mr. Kerr, and Mr. Young.

A Committee on Patents and the Patent Office, consisting of Mr. Kerr, Mr. Porter, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Wilcox, and Mr. Sturgeon.

A Committee on Retrenchment, consisting of Mr. Morehead, Mr. Graham, Mr. Miller, Mr. Fulton, and Mr. Sprague.

A Committee on the Public Buildings, consisting of Mr. Dayton, Mr. Cuthbert, and Mr. Evans.

A Committee to Audit and Control the contingent expenses of the Senate, consisting of Mr. Tappan, Mr. White, and Mr. Porter.

A Committee on Printing, consisting of Mr. Clayton, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Sprague.

A Committee on Engrossed Bills, consisting of Mr. Conrad, Mr. Bagby, and Mr. Sturgeon.

A Committee on Enrolled Bills, consisting of Mr. Sprague and Mr. Williams.

On motion by Mr. Wright,

Ordered, That the petition of M. M. Quackenbos, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Berrien,

Ordered, That the petition of the assignees of John McKinne, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Graham,

Ordered, That the petition of Daniel Murray, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Buchanan presented two memorials of manufacturers of fur hats in the city of Philadelphia, praying that hatter's furs may be admitted free of duty; which were referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Wright presented the petition of the widow of Joshua Conkey, deceased, a drummer in the army of the Revolution, praying a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Wright presented the petition of Taylor & Merrill and Augustus Whitlock, praying that a new register may be issued for a ship which was wrecked and afterward rebuilt; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Wright presented the petition of citizens of Seneca county, New York, praying a repeal of the bankrupt act; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Crittenden submitted an additional document in relation to the claim of the widow of Joseph Nourse; which, with her petition on the files of the Senate, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Buchanan presented a memorial adopted at a public meeting of citizens held in Philadelphia, praying a settlement of the claims of American citizens to indemnity for spoliations committed by the French, prior to the year 1800; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Miller presented the petition of Constant R. King and Julia Headly, children of Joseph King, deceased, late a paymaster and clothier in the revolutionary army, praying to be allowed the bounty land due on account of the services of their deceased father; which was refered to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Miller presented the memorial of the legal representative of Samuel Nicholson, deceased, late a captain in the naval service, praying to be allowed the amount of pay withheld from him while under arrest upon charges of which he was afterward acquitted; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Berrien presented the petition of Richard Henry Wilde, a citizen of the State of Georgia, praying the benefits of copyright for certain works which he is about to publish in a foreign country; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Sturgeon presented the memorial of Samuel Grice, praying indemnity for depredations on his property, committed by hostile Indians in the Territory of Florida; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Young presented the petition of James Trimble, a soldier in the last war with Great Britain, praying to be allowed to exchange the land granted for his military services, and unfit for cultivation, for other lands of better quality, and, also, a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Woodbury presented the petition of the widows of Joseph Thompson and John Gould, deceased, revolutionary soldiers, praying a continuance of their pensions; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Woodbury presented the memorial of William Russell, owner of a vesse

wrecked in the cod-fishery, praying to be allowed the fishing bounty; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Bates presented the petition of Lucy Davis, widow of a deceased revolutionary soldier, praying a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Bates presented the petition of Mary Furber, widow of Pierce Powers, deceased, an officer in the naval service during the war of the Revolution, praying a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Woodbridge presented the petition of Lemuel Bingham, praying compensation for his property, taken by the Pottawatomie Indians in the year 1836; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Fulton presented the petition of citizens of Scott county, Arkansas, praying a grant of land to said county, for the erection of public buildings thereon; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion by Mr. Woodbury,

Ordered, That De Forrest Manice have leave to withdraw his petition and papers, on the files of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Graham,

Ordered, That the petition of Gilbert Stalker and N. B. Hill, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Archer,

Ordered, That the petition of Richard Harris and Nimrod Farrow, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Benton snbmitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to inform the Senate as follows: 1. The number and estimated value of the vessels which will be required for the African squadron under the late British treaty.

2. The probable annual cost of repairing said vessels.

3. The number of men and officers which the equipment of the squadron will require.

4. The probable annual loss of men from deaths, disabilities, and other casualties, on board said squadrons.

5. The probable annual expense of said squadron, under all the heads of expenditure incident to the service.

6. Whether it is intended to make the squadron consist of more than eighty guns, and the calibre of the guns to be used, and what other arms.

7. The whole number of guns which it is expected to have afloat in the United States navy during the year 1843, and the estimated expense of the naval establishment for the year, including all expenses incident to keeping up a navy.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Barrow asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 2) for the relief of Thomas W. Chinn; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Tappan asked and obtained leave to bring in a resolution (S. R. 1) proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, so as to limit the term of office of the judges of the supreme and inferior courts; which was read, and passed to the second reading.

On motion by Mr. Tappan,

Ordered, That the said resolution be printed, and be the special order of the day for Monday, the second day of January next.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1842.

The honorable Rufus Choate, from the State of Massachusetts, and the honorable Samuel McRoberts, from the State of Illinois, attended.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Navy, made in compliance with a joint resolution of the 29th of May, 1830, accompanied with a list of the names of persons who have applied for relief under the navy pension laws, and whose claims have been rejected, and the reasons for rejecting the same; which was read, and referred to the Committee on Printing.

The President pro tempore presented the petition of Benjamin Franklin, praying arrears of pension, to take effect from the date of his disability; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The President pro tempore presented resolutions, adopted at a meeting in Baltimore, of claimants on the United States for indemnity for French spoliations prior to the year 1800, urging the settlement of their claims; which were referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a letter from Alexandre Vattemare, in relation to certain documents printed by order of the Chamber of Peers of France, and by them directed to be transmitted to the Senate of the United States; which was referred to the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress.

On motion by Mr. Woodbury, that the letter be printed,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Archer presented a resolution passed by the common council of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, in favor of a proposed amendment to their charter; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Wright presented the memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of New York, praying the establishment of the warehouse system.

On motion by Mr. Wright, that it be printed,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Conrad presented the memorial of Elizabeth Lawson, only child and heir of the late General E. W. Ripley, deceased, praying the payment of a judgment rendered in favor of her late father, in a suit instituted against him by the United States; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Tappan presented a petition of citizens of Washington county, Pennsylvania, praying the discontinuance of the mail route from West Middleton to Seventy-six, and the establishment of a route from Washington, Pennsylvania, to Steubenville, Ohio; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion by Mr. Fulton,

Ordered, That the petition of Ephraim D. Dickson, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Kerr,

Ordered, That the petition of the heirs of Francis Cazeau, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Bayard,

Ordered, That the petition of Charles G. Ridgely, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Bayard submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be, and he is hereby, author-

ized and directed to employ a corps of reporters, not exceeding five in number, for the residue of the present session, and at the commencement of each succeeding session of Congress, to report the proceedings and substance of the debates of the Senate, who shall be sworn or affirmed faithfully to discharge the duties of their office, and shall be allowed a compensation, to be paid out of the fund for contingent expenses, not exceeding sixty dollars per week for the principal reporter, and fifty dollars per week for each of the others. The business of reporting shall be so conducted that the entire report of the proceedings and debates of each day shall, within three hours after the adjournment, be placed in the hands of the printer. The publication of the report shall be committed to the publishers of such one of the daily papers as will engage, free from all charge—*first*, to publish the entire report in their daily paper; *secondly*, to furnish proof-slips thereof to any other paper in the District of Columbia; and, *thirdly*, to furnish two copies of the report for the use of each member of the Senate, and five copies for the office of the Secretary of the Senate, by 9 o'clock on the ensuing morning.

Resolved, That a seat on the floor of the Senate shall be assigned to the reporter actually on duty, by the President of the Senate.

Mr. Graham submitted the following resolution for consideration; which was read:

Resolved (the House of Representatives concurring), That the following be added to the joint rules of the two Houses of Congress, to wit:

Whenever a claim against the United States, of any description, has been, or shall be, presented to either House, and referred to a committee, and such committee shall have made a report, in writing, against the allowance of the claim, and the same shall have been concurred in by such House, it shall not be in order to revive the consideration of such claim in that House, at the same or any future session of Congress, either by bill, resolution, petition, or otherwise, except upon a memorial of the claimant—first setting forth upon affidavit that he has discovered new evidence in support of his claim, since the decision against it, and a statement of the substance of such evidence; or, second, assigning specific errors in the report of the committee adverse to it: *Provided*, That an order discharging a committee from the further consideration of a claim, shall, in nowise, require a compliance with this rule.

Mr. Smith, of Indiana, submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Roads and Canals be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation of a sum sufficient to complete the Cumberland road through the States of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, upon the most economical and substantial plan, using gravel in lieu of broken rock, where the former material can be procured at less expense than the latter, making said appropriation payable by annual instalments to the several States, so as to insure continuous operations, and surrendering the road to them, binding them to complete and keep the same in repair, levying no more tolls than may be necessary for that purpose.

Resolved, further, That said committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of adopting the turnpike road from Springfield, Ohio, to Dayton, and from thence via Eaton, to the Indiana State line, as a part of the Cumberland road: *Provided*, Said turnpike road can be obtained upon terms to justify the same, taking into consideration the increase of distance and probable cost of completing the old route, as compared with the sum for which the turnpike already completed may be obtained.

On motion by Mr. Evans,

Ordered, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the finances of the United States be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Archer,

Ordered, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to foreign affairs be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

On motion by Mr. Linn,

Ordered, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the improvement of the navigation of the western waters be referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

Ordered, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the commerce and navigation of the United States be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion by Mr. Smith, of Indiana,

Ordered, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the public lands be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion by Mr. Bayard,

Ordered, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to naval affairs be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Crittenden,

Ordered, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to military affairs be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. White,

Ordered, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to Indian Affairs be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Tallmadge the 8th instant; which was amended and agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the Secretary of State communicate with all convenient despatch with the judicial officers of the United States who have had the execution of the bankrupt law, and ascertain from them the number of applications under the act, both voluntary and involuntary, the number of discharges, the opinions of the judges as to any amendments or modifications of the act, and such other information as he may deem necessary to show the effects and operation of the act; and that he report to the Senate from time to time, as the information shall be received.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Bayard, the 8th instant, to rescind the expunging resolution of the 16th of January, 1837; and

On motion by Mr. Bayard,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Tallmadge asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 3.) amendatory of the several acts establishing the Treasury Department; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered, as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. Tallmadge,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Tuesday, the 27th instant, and that the bill be printed.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Graham asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 4) for the relief of Stalker & Hill; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee of Claims.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Porter asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 5) relative to the office of surveyor general for the States of Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

The bill (S. 1) to repeal the bankrupt act, was read the second time, and considered, as in Committee of the Whole; and an amendment being proposed by Mr. Graham,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow, and that the proposed amendment be printed.

On motion by Mr. Morehead,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, December 14, 1842.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of State, made agreeably to law, showing the number of American seamen registered in the collection districts of the United States during the year ending September 30, 1842; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Evans, that it be printed,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Choate presented the memorial of Benjamin K. Churchill, praying a pension for a disability incurred while engaged in the privateer service during the last war with Great Britain; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Smith, of Indiana, submitted documents in relation to the claim of George Burk to bounty land for services rendered in the army of the Revolution; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

On motion by Mr. Linn,

Ordered, That the petition of Boyd Reilly, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Wright presented the memorial of Franklin W. Stillman, in relation to appointment and qualifications of engineers in the naval service; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Berrien,

Ordered, That the petition of Duncan L. Clinch, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Barrow,

Ordered, That the petition of Garland & Curry, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Kerr,

Ordered, That Richard S. Coxe, assignee of David Beard, have leave to withdraw his petition and papers on the files of the Senate.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, showing the rejected applications for pensions during the year 1842; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Bates, that it be printed,

Ordered, That this motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

On motion by Mr. Clayton,

Ordered, That a member be added to the Committee on Printing, in the place of Mr. Clayton excused; and that the appointment be made by the President pro tempore.

Mr. Evans, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 6) for the relief of Robert B. Lewis; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and, with the papers on file, referred to the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office.

Mr. Bates, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 7) to refund the balance due to Massachusetts for disbursements during the late war with Great Britain; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Clayton, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 8) to amend the act approved August 23, 1842, further supplementary to an act entitled, "An act to establish the judicial courts of the United States;" which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Porter, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 9) to amend an act entitled, "An act to establish the northern boundary line of the State of Ohio, and to provide for the admission of the State of Michigan into the Union, upon the conditions therein expressed," approved June 15, 1842; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and, with the papers on file, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. King, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 10) for the relief of Joseph Bryan, Harrison Young, and Benjamin Young; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and, with the papers on file, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Graham, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 11) for the relief of claimants to indemnities received from the British Government for loss of slaves from on board the Comet and the Encomium, at Nassau, Bahamas; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Linn asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 12) to indemnify Major General Andrew Jackson for damages sustained in the discharge of his official duty; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered, as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. Linn,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to Wednesday, the 21st instant, and that it be the special order of the day.

Mr. Fulton, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 13) allowing drawback upon foreign merchandise exported in the original packages to Chihuahua and Santa Fé, in Mexico; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Linn, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 14) to continue in force the "act for the final adjustment of private land claims in Missouri," approved the 9th of July, 1832, and the act supplemental thereto, approved the 2d of March, 1833; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Linn, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 15) authorizing the relinquishment of the 16th sections granted for the use of schools, and the entry of other lands in lieu thereof; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Fulton asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 16) in relation to donations of land to certain persons in the State of Arkansas; also a bill (S. 17) for the relief of sundry citizens of Arkansas who lost their improvements in consequence of a treaty between the United States and the Choctaw Indians; which were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Benton the 12th instant, in relation to the strength and expense of the naval force to be employed on the coast of Africa; and agreed thereto.

The resolution for the employment of a corps of reporters for the Senate, was read the second time, and considered, as in Committee of the Whole; and,

On motion by Mr. Bayard,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the special order of the day for, Monday, the 19th instant.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Graham the 13th instant, for an additional joint rule; and the resolution was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 1) to repeal the bankrupt act, together with the amendment proposed by Mr. Graham; and,

On motion by Mr. Berrien,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Tyler, his Secretary:

WASHINGTON CITY, *December* 13, 1842.

I hereby communicate to the Senate a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, with accompanying documents.

JOHN TYLER.

The message was read.

On motion, and by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That it be printed, with the accompanying documents, in connexion with the documents accompanying the message at the commencement of the session.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1842.

The honorable John C. Calhoun, from the State of South Carolina, attended.

Mr. Buchanan presented the memorial of the chamber of commerce of the city of Philadelphia, praying the establishment of the warehouse system.

On motion by Mr. Buchanan, that it be printed,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Barrow presented the memorial of Villeneuve Le Blanc, praying a grant of land in consideration of his having, at great labor and expense, reclaimed a large portion of the public land from the inundations of the Mississippi river; which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Wright presented a petition from citizens of Yates county, New York, praying a repeal of the bankrupt law; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Rives presented the petition of Frances M. Lewis and Mary Neale, widows of deceased naval officers, praying a continuance of their pensions; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Conrad,

Ordered, That the petition of Réné Vienne, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Linn,

Ordered, That the petition of Benjamin Crawford, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Evans,

Ordered, That the petition of Thomas Fillebrown, jr., on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. McRoberts,

Ordered, That so much of the President's message, as relates to the mineral lands of the United States, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Linn submitted the following resolution, which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to return, to the General Land Office, all the original papers on file in his office, which accompanied the report of the Secretary of the Treasury of the 10th of January, 1838, and contained in Senate document, No. 97, second session of the twenty-fifth Congress.

Mr. Conrad submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be requested to communicate to the Senate, whether any, and what amount of, money has been refunded to claimants by virtue of the act, entitled, "An act in relation to lands sold in the Greensburg (late St. Helena) land district, in the State of Louisiana, and authorizing the resurvey of certain lands in said district," approved August 29, 1842; whether, in any cases, the claimants have demanded reimbursement of the price paid by them for lands, on complying, or offering to comply, with the provisions of said act, and such reimbursement has been refused, and the reasons for such refusal; and whether any, and what proceedings have taken place under said act.

Mr. Benton submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the President be requested to inform the Senate, whether the Quintuple treaty, for the suppression of the slave-trade, has been communicated to the Government of the United States in any form whatever: and if so, by whom: for what purpose: and what answer may have been returned to such communication; also, to communicate to the Senate all the information which may have been received by the Government of the United States, going to show that the "course which this Government

might take in relation to said treaty, has excited no small degree of attention and discussion in Europe;" also, to inform the Senate how far the "warm animadversions" and the "great political excitement," which this treaty has caused in Europe, have any application or reference to the United States; also, to inform the Senate what danger there was of having "the laws and the obligations" of the United States, in relation to the suppression of the slave-trade, "executed by others," if we did not "remove this pretext and motive for violating our flag and executing our laws," by entering into the stipulations for the African squadron, and the remonstrating embassies which are contained in the 8th and 9th articles of the late British treaty.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Printing, reported in favor of printing the following subjects:

Report of the Secretary of the Navy, showing the rejected applications for pensions during the year 1842;

Report of the Secretary of War, showing the rejected applications for pensions during the year 1842;

Report of the Secretary of State, showing the number of registered American seamen during the year 1842; and,

Ordered, That they be printed.

Mr. Smith, of Indiana, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S 15) authorizing the relinquishment of the sixteenth sections granted for the use of schools, and the entry of other lands in lieu thereof, reported it with amendments, which were read.

Mr. Smith, of Indiana, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom were referred the bill (S. 16) in relation to donations of land to certain persons in the State of Arkansas, and the bill (S. 17) for the relief of sundry citizens of Arkansas, who lost their improvements in consequence of a treaty between the United States and the Choctaw Indians, reported them without amendment.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Bates asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 18) for the relief of the Steamboat Company of Nantucket, which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Fulton asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 19) to perfect the titles to lands, south of the Arkansas river, held under the New Madrid locations, and pre-emption rights under the act of 1814; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Clarke, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a resolution to amend the 19th joint rule of the two Houses, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They have appointed a committee, on their part, on enrolled bills, consisting of Mr. J. Irvin, Mr. Burke, and Mr. P. G. Goode.

I am directed to inform the Senate that, in conformity with the joint resolution of the two Houses, the Reverend Mr. Tiffany, of the Episcopal Church, has been elected Chaplain, on the part of the House of Representatives, for the present session.

On motion by Mr. Bayard,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1842.

The honorable John Henderson, and the honorable Robert J. Walker, from the State of Mississippi, the honorable Ambrose H. Sevier, from the State of Arkansas, and the honorable Samuel S. Phelps, from the State of Vermont, attended.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate the annual report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made agreeably to law, on the state of the finances; which was read, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Evans, and by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That it be printed, and that seventeen hundred copies, in addition to the usual number, be printed; fifteen hundred of which for the use of the Senate, and two hundred for the use of the Treasury Department.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Navy, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate of the 29th June, 1842, in relation to the cultivation and manufacture of hemp; which was read, and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Linn, that it be printed,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, together with the annual report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

The communication was read, and, with the accompanying report, referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion by Mr. Smith, of Indiana, that they be printed,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Bates presented the petition of Samuel Dicey, a soldier in the last war with Great Britain, praying a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Buchanan presented the memorial of manufacturers of fur hats in Philadelphia, praying that foreign hatters' furs may be admitted free of duty; which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Linn presented the petition of Thomas Allen, praying compensation for printing twenty thousand copies of the Compendium of the Sixth Census, under an order of the Secretary of State; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Wright presented the petition of John Woodward, praying compensation for services rendered as a mechanic during the revolutionary war; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Wright presented the petition of Jonathan Brown, a drummer in the army of the Revolution, praying a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Conrad presented the memorial of the New Orleans and Carrollton Railroad Company, praying an extension of the time required by law for laying down iron imported for the use of railroads; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Archer presented the memorial of the Petersburg Railroad Company, praying an extension of the time required by law for laying down the iron imported for the use of their railroad; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Sturgeon presented the petition of C. Evans, praying that his invention for preventing the explosion of steam-boilers may be adopted in the

naval service of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. McRoberts presented the petition of citizens of the State of Illinois, praying that the fine and costs imposed on General Jackson by Judge Hall, in the year 1815, may be refunded with interest; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Barrow presented the petition of John L. Delee, praying permission to enter a quantity of land equal to a tract purchased by him from the United States, which afterward proved to be within the limits of Texas; which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Williams presented the petition of citizens of the State of Maine, praying a repeal of the bankrupt act; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Tallmadge presented the memorial of a committee in behalf of claimants residing in the State of New York, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Tallmadge presented the petition of John Bosworth, praying a pension in consideration of wounds received in the military service of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Rives presented the petition of George Taylor, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Rives presented the petition of Mary W. Harrison, legal representative of Benjamin Harrison, jr., deceased, late deputy paymaster general in the revolutionary army, praying the equitable settlement of his accounts, and the payment of the balance which may be found due from the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

On motion by Mr. Sturgeon,

Ordered, That the documents on the files of the Senate, relating to the claim of Lucretia Haymaker, heir-at-law of John Bowen, deceased, be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

On motion by Mr. Williams,

Ordered, That the petition of Noah Miller and others, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion,

Ordered, That the petition of Joseph Roby, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Walker submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of permitting the State of Mississippi to appropriate twenty-five thousand dollars of the two per cent. fund of said State toward the completion of the mail road leading from Jackson to Brandon, upon the conditions designated by said State.

Mr. Conrad submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be requested to communicate to the Senate, if not incompatible with the public interests, whether the amount due and payable by Mexico for indemnity to citizens of the United States under the late convention, has been paid in conformity with the terms of said convention; if not, whether any, and what measures have been adopted by

our Government to obtain or enforce payment, as also to obtain the recognition of such claims as were submitted to, but not finally acted upon by the late joint commission.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Linn asked and obtained leave to bring in the following bills:

S. 20. A bill for the relief of Jacques Bon and Alexander Coleman, or their heirs and legal representatives.

S. 21. A bill confirming the claim of the heirs of Joseph Thompson, senior, deceased, to a tract of land in Missouri; which bills were read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Linn asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 22) to authorize the adoption of measures for the occupation and settlement of the Territory of Oregon, for extending certain portions of the laws of the United States over the same, and for other purposes; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

On motion by Linn,

Ordered, That it be referred to a select committee consisting of five members, to be appointed by the President pro tempore; and,

Mr. Linn, Mr. Walker, Mr. Sevier, Mr. Merrick, and Mr. Phelps, were appointed the committee.

Mr. Huntington, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 13) allowing drawback upon foreign merchandise exported in the original packages to Chihuahua and Santa Fé in Mexico, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Huntington, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the memorial of Taylor and Merrill, and A. Whitlock, reported a bill (S. 23) to authorize the issuing of a new register for the American ship Westchester, of New York, by the name of the Atlantic, of New York; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

No amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Clark, their Clerk:

Mr. President: I am directed to communicate to the Senate information of the death of the honorable Richard W. Habersham, and of the proceedings of the House of Representatives thereon.

Mr. Berrien submitted the following resolutions; which were considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Senate has received with deep sensibility the message from the House of Representatives announcing the death of the honorable Richard W. Habersham, a Representative from the State of Georgia.

Resolved, That, in token of their respect for the memory of the deceased, the members of the Senate will wear crape on the left arm, as mourning, for thirty days; and, as a further mark of respect,

Resolved, That the Senate do now adjourn.

Whereupon,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, December 20, 1842.

Mr. Benton presented the petition of Mary W. Thompson, widow of the late Lieutenant Colonel Alexander R. Thompson, of the United States army

praying compensation for services performed by her late husband, not provided for in the act of August 29, 1842, for her relief; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Merrick presented the petition of John T. Bronaugh and Archibald Fleming, praying remuneration for losses sustained in transporting the mail, in consequence of the destruction of the Potomac bridge in 1840; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Archer presented the memorial of William A. Weaver, praying additional compensation for superintending the compiling and printing the returns of the Sixth Census; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Linn submitted an additional document in relation to the petition of James B. McKown; which, with his petition on the files of the Senate, was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Linn presented the petition of citizens of Platte county, in the State of Missouri, praying the purchase, for the use of the navy, of water rotted hemp, produced in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Linn presented a memorial of citizens of Massachusetts, praying that the fine and costs imposed on General Jackson by Judge Hall in 1815 may be refunded with interest; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. McRoberts presented a petition of citizens of the State of Illinois, praying a repeal of the bankrupt act; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. McRoberts presented the petition of John Dawson, pension agent at Springfield, in the State of Illinois, praying compensation for his services; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Wright presented the memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of the city of Appalachicola, in the Territory of Florida, praying an appropriation for establishing lights on Capes St. George and St. Blas, and the erection of a marine hospital at that port; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Allen presented the petition of Asahel Brainerd, praying a pension, in consideration of wounds received in the military service of the United States during the last war with Great Britain; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Wright presented the petition of Israel Ketcham, praying remuneration for losses sustained as a sub-contractor under Nimrod Farrow and Richard Harris, for the construction of fortifications on Dauphin island; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Bayard presented the memorial of the president and directors of the Bank of the Metropolis, in the city of Washington, praying a renewal of their charter; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Bayard presented the memorial of Edward Earle, inventor and patentee of a process for preserving vegetable matter from decay, praying its adoption at the various armories, arsenals, and navy-yards of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Smith, of Connecticut, presented the petition of Hetty Fassett, widow of John D. Alvey, deceased, who acted as postmaster in the revolutionary army, praying a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Porter,

Ordered, That the memorial of the Board of Internal Improvement of

the State of Michigan, on the files of the Senate, relating to an extension of the time for the payment of duties on railroad iron, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

Ordered, That the petition of Samuel Brown, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion by Mr. Conrad,

Ordered, That the petition of Albin Michel on behalf of the heirs of Madam de Lusser, be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion by Mr. Smith, of Connecticut,

Ordered, That the petition of Wareham Kingsley, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the petition of Benjamin Murphy, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Conrad,

Ordered, That William Debuys have leave to withdraw the documents relating to his claim on the files of the Senate.

Mr. Phelps submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the rule of the Senate adopted on the 25th January, 1842, be amended by adding thereto the following proviso, viz: *Provided*, That this rule shall not extend to any case where an adverse report, not in writing, shall have been made prior to the 25th day of January, 1842.

Mr. Wright submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on Retrenchment be instructed to inquire and report to the Senate the number of clerks for committees which have been appointed and paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate during the last and present Congress, the amount so paid to each clerk, and the rate of compensation, and whether any and what other mode can, in the opinion of the committee, be adopted, by which a more general and equal and efficient aid to all the committees of the Senate may be secured in a more responsible form, and upon more economical terms.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Printing, reported in favor of printing the following subjects:

Memorial of the chamber of commerce of the city of New York, presented the 13th December, 1842.

Memorial of the chamber of commerce of the city of Philadelphia, presented the 15th December, 1842.

Report of the Secretary of the Navy, relating to the cultivation and manufacture of hemp; and

Ordered, That they be printed.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Printing, reported in favor of printing the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, communicating the annual report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office; and

Ordered, That it be printed with the accompanying map, and that five hundred copies, in addition to the usual number, be printed for the use of the Senate, and five hundred copies for the use of the General Land Office.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Printing, reported against printing the memorial of Alexander Vattemare, presented the 13th December.

The report was concurred in.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin Franklin, submitted an adverse report, together with the following resolution; which was read:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be not granted.

Mr. Berrien, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of M. M. Quackenbos, reported a bill (S. 24) to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to make an arrangement or compromise with any of the sureties on bonds given to the United States by Samuel Swartwout, late collector of the customs for the port of New York; which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Walker, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the memorial of the widow and representative of Joseph Nourse, deceased, reported a bill (S. 25) to authorize the settlement of the account of Joseph Nourse; which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Graham, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 4) for the relief of Stalker and Hill, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Graham, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the documents relating to the claim of Ephraim D. Dickson, reported a bill (S. 26) for his relief; which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Graham, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the documents relating to the claim of J. R. Vienne, reported a bill (S. 27) for his relief; which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Linn asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 28) for the relief of the legal representatives of Nathaniel Pryor, deceased; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Linn asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 29) to surrender to the States of Missouri and Arkansas alternate sections of public lands, reported as not worth the expense of survey, for the purpose of increasing the value of the public domain; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Evans asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 30) for the relief of Ardre Spear, widow of John Spear, late an invalid pensioner; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and, with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Evans asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 31) regulating the currency of foreign gold and silver coins in the United States; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Bates asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 32) making compensation to pension agents; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Fulton asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 33) to authorize the Legislatures of the States of Arkansas, Louisiana, and Tennessee, to sell the lands heretofore appropriated for the use of schools in those States; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Smith, of Indiana, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 34) to provide for ascertaining and disposing of the lead mineral lands in the States of Illinois and Arkansas and the Territories of Wisconsin and Iowa; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Bates asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 35) for the relief of Henry Gardiner and others, directors of an association called the New England Mississippi Land Company; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Bates asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 36) to continue the office of Commissioner of Pensions; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied by a report made to the Department by F. R. Hassler, showing the progress made during the present year in the survey of the coast and the construction of standard weights and measures; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Huntington, that it be printed,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made agreeably to law, exhibiting the names of the applicants for the benefit of the act for the relief of insolvent debtors, and the nature of the debts due from each, to the United States; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Huntington, that it be printed,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Clarke, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 616) to transfer to the trustees of Centre College, in Kentucky, the lands heretofore granted to the Kentucky Asylum for teaching Deaf and Dumb; also, a resolution (H. R. 22) for the distribution of catalogues of the Library of Congress; in which bill and resolution they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The bill last mentioned from the House of Representatives, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The resolution (H. R. 22) for the distribution of catalogues of the Library of Congress, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Library.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Conrad the 15th instant, in relation to lands sold in the Greensburg (late St. Helena) land district; and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Benton the 15th instant, in relation to the quintuple treaty; and, having been modified by Mr. Benton,

On motion by Mr. Archer,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to Thursday, the 23d instant, and that the resolution be printed.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Conrad the 19th instant, relating to the settlement of claims under late convention with Mexico; and,

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution passed by the House of Representatives to amend the 19th joint rule of the two Houses; and,

On motion by Mr. Barrow,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The bill (S. 23) to authorize the issuing of a new register for the American ship Westchester, of New York, by the name of the Atlantic, of New York, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1842.

Mr. Bates presented the petition of Seneca Thomas, praying a pension in consideration of a wound received in the service of the United States, during the last war with Great Britain; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Berrien presented the petition of William Bruce and others, citizens of the United States, remonstrating against the repeal of the bankrupt act; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Buchanan presented two memorials of manufacturers of fur hats in the city of Philadelphia, praying that foreign hatters' furs may be admitted free of duty; which were referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Benton presented a petition from citizens of Waitsfield, in the State of Vermont, praying a repeal of the bankrupt act; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. King presented the memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Alabama, praying that the sale of public lands in the Coosa and Huntsville land district, in that State, may be deferred; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion by Mr. Miller,

Ordered, That the memorial of Ezekiel Wade, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Linn submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be requested to send to the Senate the report of the commissioners appointed to select a site for a western armory.

On motion by Mr. Porter,

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw, from the files of the Senate, the papers relating to the claims of Michigan militia.

Mr. Linn submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be requested to send to the Senate a copy of Lieutenant Fremont's report of his recent exploring expedition to the Rocky mountains, made under the direction of the War Department.

Mr. Allen submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the fortieth rule for conducting business in the Senate, and which requires the Senate to close its doors when transacting executive business, be rescinded, and the Senate shall hereafter sit with open doors when transacting all business, except treaties.

Mr. Benton submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to inform the Senate whether the late special minister from Great Britain to the United

States, made any proposition, informal, or otherwise, to the negotiator on the part of the United States, for the assumption or guaranty of the State debts by the Government of the United States, to the holders of said debts.

Mr. Linn submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the President be requested to inform the Senate of the nature and extent of the "informal communications" which took place between the American Secretary of State and the British special minister, during the late negotiations in Washington city, upon "the subject of the claims of the United States and Great Britain to the territory west of the Rocky mountains;" and also to inform the Senate what were the reasons which prevented "any agreement upon the subject at present," and which made it inexpedient to include that subject among the subjects of formal negotiation.

The President pro tempore announced the appointment of Mr. Simmons as chairman of the Committee on Printing, in the place of Mr. Clayton, excused.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Fillebrown, jr., submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 37) for his relief; which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Linn, from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the bill (S. 22) to authorize the adoption of measures for the occupation and settlement of the Territory of Oregon, and for extending certain portions of the laws of the United States over the same, and for other purposes, reported it with amendments, which were read.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of Benjamin K. Churchill, submitted an adverse report, which was read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Printing, reported in favor of printing the following subjects:

Report of the Secretary of the Treasury, communicating the report of the Superintendent of the survey of the coast, and the fabrication of standard weights and measures.

Report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made in obedience to the act for the relief of certain insolvent debtors of the United States.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Conrad asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 38) for the relief of William De Buys, postmaster at New Orleans; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted yesterday by Mr. Phelps, to amend the 50th rule of the Senate: and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution reported by the Committee on Naval Affairs, on the petition of Benjamin Franklin; and,

On motion by M. White,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until tomorrow.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 15) authorizing the relinquishment of the sixteenth sections granted for the use of schools, and the entry of other lands in lieu thereof; together with the amendments reported thereto: and the reported amend-

ments having been agreed to, and the bill further amended, the bill was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 16) in relation to donations of land to certain person in the State of Arkansas; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 17) for the relief of sundry citizens of Arkansas, who lost their improvements in consequence of a treaty between the United States and the Choctaw Indians; and,

On motion by Mr. Barrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until tomorrow.

On motion by Mr. Barrow,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1842.

Mr. Benton presented the credentials of the Hon. Lewis F. Linn, chosen a Senator by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, for six years, from the third day of March, 1843; which were read.

Mr. Fulton presented the credentials of the Hon. Ambrose H. Sevier, chosen a Senator by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, for six years, from the third day of March, 1843; which were read.

Mr. Buchanan presented the memorial of Mary Reeside, executrix of James Reeside, deceased, praying the payment of a judgment rendered in his favor, at the suit of the United States, in the circuit court for the eastern district of Pennsylvania; which, with the documents on the files of the Senate relating to her claim, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Woodbury presented the memorial of the assistant messengers in the Post Office Department, praying an increase of their compensation; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. McRoberts presented a petition of citizens of the Territory of Iowa, praying an appropriation for removing the obstructions to the navigation of the Mississippi river at the mouth of the Des Moines; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion by Mr. Woodbury,

Ordered, That the petition of David Currier, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Henderson,

Ordered, That the memorial of Juan Quavre, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Tallmadge presented three petitions of citizens of New York, remonstrating against the repeal of the bankrupt act; which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. McRoberts submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be directed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation to remove the obstructions to the navigation at the Des Moines rapids in the Mississippt river.

Mr. Woodbury submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing the export of foreign merchandise by land as well as by sea in original packages with benefit of drawback.

Mr. Crittenden submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of creating, in the State of Kentucky, an agency for the purchase, and an establishment for the manufacture, of American water-rotted hemp for the use of the navy of the United States; also to inquire into the expediency of establishing a navy-yard at some suitable place on the Ohio or Mississippi river.

Resolved, That the report of the Secretary of the Navy, made the 20th instant, in relation to the cultivation, manufacture, &c., of hemp, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Barrow submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting to the State of Louisiana every alternate section of the public lands, in the limits of that State, which has been returned as not worth the cost of survey, and each alternate section of such lands as are subject to inundation by the overflowing of the Mississippi river, upon the consideration that said State construct levees by means of which said lands shall be effectually protected thereafter from inundation; and, provided that the proceeds of the sales of lands reclaimed by means of such levees, shall be exclusively appropriated by the State of Louisiana to the making of roads and the improvement of rivers and bayous within its limits.

Mr. Smith, of Indiana, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 34) to provide for ascertaining and disposing of the lead mineral lands in the States of Illinois and Arkansas, and Territories of Wisconsin and Iowa, and for other purposes, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Woodbridge, from the Committee on the Library, to whom was referred the resolution (H. R. 22) for the distribution of catalogues of the Library of Congress, reported it without amendment.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Merrick asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 39) to repeal certain parts of an act of Congress, approved August 31, 1842, entitled, "An act to establish certain post roads;" which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered, as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bill, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that its title be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Naval Affairs on the memorial of Benjamin K. Churchill; and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be not granted.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution reported by the Committee on Naval Affairs on the petition of Benjamin Franklin; and,

On motion by Mr. White,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Wright, the 20th instant, in relation to the employment of clerks for committees; and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Allen to rescind the 40th rule of the Senate; and,

On motion by Mr. Allen,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the resolution be postponed to, and made the order of the day for Monday, the 9th of January next.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted the 21st instant, by Mr. Linn, in relation to the claims of the United States and Great Britain to the Oregon Territory; which was amended, on the motion of Mr. Archer, and agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the President be requested, if not inconsistent with the public interest, to inform the Senate of the nature and extent of the "informal communication" which took place between the American Secretary of State and the British special minister during the late negotiations in Washington city, upon "the subject of the claims of the United States and Great Britain to the Territory west of the Rocky mountains;" and, also, to inform the Senate what were the reasons which prevented "any agreement upon the subject at present," and which made it "inexpedient to include that subject among the subjects of formal negotiation."

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Benton, the 21st instant, in relation to the assumption, by the United States, of the State debts; and,

On the question to agree thereto:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 26, Nays, ... 12.

On motion by Mr. Benton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Barrow, Bayard, Benton, Buchanan, Calhoun, Crafts, Crittenden, Fulton, Henderson, King, Linn, McRoberts, Mangum, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Smith, of Indiana, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, White, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbridge, Woodbury, Wright.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Bates, Berrien, Clayton, Conrad, Evans, Graham, Huntington, Merrick, Miller, Morehead, Phelps.

So,

The resolution was agreed to.

The following bills, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, were severally read a third time:

S. 15. A bill authorizing the relinquishment of the sixteenth sections granted for the use of schools, and the entry of other lands in lieu thereof;

S. 16. A bill in relation to donations of land to certain persons in the State of Arkansas.

Resolved, That the said bills pass, and that their respective titles be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Clarke, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill from the Senate (S. 23) to authorize the issuing of a new register for the Ameri-

can ship Westchester of New York, by the name of the Atlantic of New York.

They have passed a bill (H. R. 615) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of the Government for the half calendar year ending the thirtieth day of June, 1843; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Sprague reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (S. 23) entitled, "An act to authorize the issuing of a new register for the American ship Westchester of New York, by the name of the Atlantic of New York."

The President pro tempore signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The bill from the House of Representatives (No. 615) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of Government for the half calender year ending the 30th day of June, 1843, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Woodbury,

Ordered, That three hundred copies of the report on the survey of the coast, and the fabrication of standard weights and measures, be printed, in addition to the usual number.

On motion by Mr. Crittenden,

Ordered, That fifteen hundred copies of the report of the Secretary of the Navy, in addition to the usual number, already ordered, be printed for the use of the Senate.

The bill (S. 12) to indemnify Major General Andrew Jackson for damages sustained in the discharge of his official duty, was considered, as in Committee of the Whole, and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate; and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Linn,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to Tuesday next.

Mr. Conrad presented extracts from the minutes of the proceedings of the district court of the United States for the Louisiana district, January term, 1815.

On motion by Mr. Linn, and by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That they be printed.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, December 23, 1842.

Mr. Miller presented the memorial of the president and directors of the Patriotic Bank of Washington, in the city of Washington, praying a renewal of their charter; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Bayard presented the memorial of the president and directors of the Bank of Potomac, and the Farmers' Bank of Alexandria, in the city of

Alexandria, praying a renewal of their charters; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. McRoberts presented the petition of citizens of the State of Illinois, praying the establishment of a mail-route from Ottowa to Naperville, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Sturgeon presented a memorial of manufacturers of fur hats in the city of Philadelphia, praying that foreign hatters' furs may be admitted free of duty; which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Tallmadge presented a memorial of citizens of New York, remonstrating against a repeal of the bankrupt act; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Porter presented a memorial of citizens of New York, remonstrating against a repeal of the bankrupt act; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Woodbury presented the petition of James Rundlet, praying remuneration for loss by the depreciation of the funds paid to him by the Government for supplies furnished during the last war with Great Britain; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Woodbury submitted documents relating to the claim of William Russell, owner of a vessel engaged in the cod and whale fisheries, to an allowance of the fishing bounty; which were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion by Mr. Sturgeon,

Ordered, That the petition of Charles M. Keller, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office.

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

Ordered, That the petition of Charles Kohler, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion by Mr. Clayton,

Ordered, That the memorials of the heirs of Robert Fulton, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Tappan,

Ordered, That the petition of George C. Johnson, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Williams submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be directed to inform the Senate whether or not any pensions for disability to officers, seamen, and marines, while in service and receiving pay, have been paid since August 16, 1841; and, if any, what has been the amount thus paid, and under what law such payments have been made since the passage of the act of August 16, 1841.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 615) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of Government for the half calendar year ending the 30th day of June, 1843, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 31) regulating the currency of foreign gold and silver coins in the United States, reported it without amendment.

Mr Bates, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom the following bills were referred:

S. 32. A bill making compensation to pension agents;

S. 36. A bill to continue the office of Commissioner of Pensions; reported them severally without amendment.

Mr. McRoberts, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the bill (S. 18) for the relief of the Steamboat Company of Nantucket, reported it without amendment.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Sevier asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 40) for the relief of persons residing within the reputed limits of the States of Arkansas and Louisiana, and beyond the boundary line between the United States and the Republic of Texas, as established by the commissioners appointed to ascertain the same; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Linn asked and obtained leave to bring in the following bills:

S. 41. A bill for the relief of Elizabeth Munroe;

S. 42. A bill for the relief of Captain J. Throckmorton;

S. 43. A bill for the relief of the heirs of Madame De Lusser, and their legal representatives.

The said bills were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That bill numbered 41 be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, that bill numbered 42 be referred to the Committee of Claims, and that bill numbered 43 be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims, with the papers on file relating to the same.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Henderson asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 44) to confirm the survey and location of claims for lands in the State of Mississippi, east of the Pearl river, and south of the thirty-first degree of north latitude; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Henderson asked and obtained leave to bring in a resolution (S. 2) authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to settle on certain terms the liabilities of the sureties of Gordon D. Boyd, late receiver of public moneys at Columbus, Mississippi; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Sprague reported, from the Committee, that they this day presented to the President of the United States the enrolled bill (S. 23) entitled, "An act to authorize the issuing of a new register for the American ship Westchester, of New York, by the name of the Atlantic, of New York."

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Barrow the 22d instant, in relation to the grant of certain lands to the State of Louisiana; and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Benton the 15th instant, on the subject of the communication of the Quintuple treaty to the Government of the United States; and having been amended, on the motion of Mr. Benton,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until tomorrow.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 615) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of Government for the calendar year ending the 30th day of June, 1842; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Tyler, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States this day approved and signed an enrolled bill (S. 23) entitled, "An act to authorize the issuing of a new register for the American ship Westchester, of New York, by the name of the Atlantic, of New York."

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The following messages were received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Tyler, his Secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

I herewith communicate to the Senate a report from the Secretary of State, in answer to a resolution of the Senate adopted on the 22d instant.

JOHN TYLER.

WASHINGTON, *December* 23, 1842.

To the Senate of the United States:

I have received the resolution of the 22d instant, requesting me "to inform the Senate of the nature and extent of 'the informal communications' which took place between the American Secretary of State and the British special minister, during the late negotiations in Washington city, upon the subject of the claims of the United States and Great Britain to the territory west of the Rocky mountains;" and also to inform the Senate what were the reasons which prevented "any agreement upon the subject at present," and which made it "inexpedient to include that subject among the subjects of formal negotiation."

In my message to Congress at the commencement of the present session, in adverting to the territory of the United States on the Pacific ocean, north of the forty-second degree of north latitude, a part of which is claimed by Great Britain, I remarked that "in advance of the acquirement of individual rights to these lands, sound policy dictates that every effort should be resorted to by the two Governments to settle their respective claims;" and also stated that I should not delay to urge on Great Britain the importance of an early settlement. Measures have been already taken, in pursuance of the purpose thus expressed, and under these circumstances I do not deem it consistent with the public interest to make any communication on the subject.

JOHN TYLER.

WASHINGTON, *December* 23, 1842.

The messages were severally read, and, by unanimous consent, ordered to be printed.

Mr. Williams reported, from the Committee, that they had examined, and found duly enrolled, the bill (H. R. 615) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of Government for the half calendar year ending the 30th day of June, 1843.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, in relation to the selection of a site for a western armory, made in

answer to a resolution of the Senate of the 21st instant; which was read, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Linn, that it be printed,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Clarke, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The President pro tempore signed the enrolled bill this day reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to Tuesday next; and,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1842.

Mr. Young presented three petitions from citizens of the State of Illinois, praying the establishment of a mail-route from Chicago to Grand de Tour, in that State; which were referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Young presented the memorial of Uriah Brown, praying an investigation of his claims to the invention of a plan for the defence of rivers, bays, and harbors, by means of galvanic electricity; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Clayton presented the memorial of E. Worrell, late an assistant surgeon in the army, praying to be restored to the rank of which he has been deprived under the act of August 23, 1842; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Buchanan presented a memorial of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying that the fine and costs imposed on General Jackson by Judge Hall in the year 1815, may be refunded with interest; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Buchanan presented a memorial of citizens of Pennsylvania, submitting, for the consideration of Congress, a plan for the establishment of a sound currency and the improvement of public credit; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Buchanan presented a memorial of citizens of the city and county of Philadelphia, opposed to the repeal of the bankrupt act; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Tallmadge presented nine memorials of citizens of the State of New York, and a memorial of citizens of the State of Pennsylvania, remonstrating against the repeal of the bankrupt act; which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Benton presented a memorial of citizens of the city and county of Philadelphia opposed to the repeal of the bankrupt act; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Berrien presented a memorial of citizens of Pennsylvania, remonstrating against a repeal of the bankrupt act; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. McRoberts presented a petition of citizens of the State of Illinois, praying an act for the settlement and occupation of the Oregon Territory, and that grants of land may be made to actual settlers; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Sevier presented the memorial of the president and directors of the Bank of Washington, in the city of Washington, praying an extension of their charter; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Smith, of Indiana, submitted a communication from the Commissioner of the General Land Office on the subject of the surveys of lands in the States of Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Sturgeon presented a petition of citizens of the United States, praying a modification or repeal of the bankrupt act; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Wright presented a petition of citizens of Philadelphia, remonstrating against a repeal of the bankrupt act; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Wright presented a petition of citizens of New York, remonstrating against the repeal of the bankrupt act; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Wright presented two petitions from citizens of the State of New York, praying the repeal of the bankrupt act; which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Simmons presented two memorials from citizens of the city and county of Philadelphia, opposed to the repeal of the bankrupt act; which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Sprague presented a memorial of citizens of Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, praying the repeal of the bankrupt act; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Miller presented the memorial of the president and directors of the Farmers and Mechanics' Bank of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, praying a renewal of their charter; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Woodbury presented the petition of the assistant laborers and messengers in the Auditor's office of the Post Office Department, praying an increase of their compensation; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Benton presented the memorial of citizens of Dorchester county, Maryland, praying the repeal of the bankrupt act; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Bayard presented the memorial of George T. Sinclair and others, officers in the navy, who served in the South sea exploring squadron, praying the passage of an act to legalize the pay allowed them under an order of the Secretary of the Navy, while engaged in that service; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Bates presented the petition of William Smith, praying indemnity for losses by French spoliations prior to 1800; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

On motion by Mr. Bates,

Ordered, That the petition of Rufus and Charles Lane, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion by Mr. King,

Ordered, That the petition of Samuel H. Thompson, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the documents on the files of the Senate, relating to the claim of F. A. Kerr, be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the documents on the files of the Senate, relating to the claim of George Duval, be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. King submitted additional documents in relation to the claim of the heirs of William Fisher, which, with their petition on the files of the Senate, were referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion by Mr. Crittenden,

Ordered, That the heir of William Meredith have leave to withdraw his petition and papers on the files of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Merrick,

Ordered, That John Burke have leave to withdraw his petition and papers on the files of the Senate.

Mr. Woodbury submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce inquire into the state of our tonnage, freights, and commerce with foreign powers, and report whether it is prosperous under the existing arrangements by treaties or laws in relation thereto; and also, whether the regulations by other governments are equal and in conformity to the spirit of these arrangements; and if either be not so, what measures are proper to insure greater prosperity and reciprocity.

Mr. Woodbury submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to furnish the Senate with the following information:

1st. The amount of revenue received from customs during the third quarter of the year 1842 on imports made in that quarter.

2d. As soon as the returns are obtained, the amount received in the fourth quarter of the same year from the imports made in that quarter, and the aggregate of those imports.

3d. The aggregate of appropriations outstanding and unexpended at the close of the years respectively of 1840, 1841, and when this year expires at the end of 1842; and

4th. The quantity of land which was advertised for public sale from March 4, 1841, to the close of one year from that date, and the quantity advertised during the year previous to that date.

Mr. Sprague reported, from the committee, that they had presented to the President of the United States, the 23d instant, the bill (H. R. 615) entitled, "An act making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of Government for the half calendar year ending the 30th day of June, 1843."

Mr. Simmons reported, from the committee, in favor of printing the report of the Secretary of War, of the 23d instant, in relation to sites for western armories.

Mr. White, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom were referred the documents relating to the claim of Benjamin Murphy, reported a bill (S. 45) for his relief; which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Berrien, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 40) for the relief of persons residing within the reputed limits of

the States of Arkansas and Louisiana, and beyond the boundary line between the United States and the Republic of Texas, as established by the commissioners appointed to ascertain the same, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Berrien, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 35) for the relief of Henry Gardiner and others, directors of an association called the New England Mississippi Land Company, reported it with amendments, which were read.

On motion by Mr. Berrien,

Ordered, That the report made on the subject the second session of the twenty-fourth Congress be printed.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Young asked and obtained leave to bring in the following bills:

S. 46. Bill making further appropriations for the continuation of the Cumberland road in the States of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois;

S. 47. Bill granting an additional quantity of land to the State of Illinois, to aid in the completion of the Illinois and Michigan canal.

The said bills were read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That they be referred, with the documents on file, to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Young asked and obtained leave to bring in the following bills:

S. 48. A bill appropriating the rents of the United States lead mines, in the State of Illinois, and Territories of Wisconsin and Iowa, for the improvement of the navigation at the Rock river and Des Moines rapids, in the Mississippi river;

S. 49. Bill making a further appropriation for the continuation of the public works and rebuilding the light-house at the harbor of Chicago.

The said bills were read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and, with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Linn asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 50) for the relief of Reuben E. Gentry, William Monroe, and others; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Bayard asked and obtained leave to bring in the following bills:

S. 51. A bill to amend an act entitled, "An act to reorganize the Navy Department of the United States;"

S. 52. A bill providing for the establishment of a school of instruction in the naval service of the United States.

The said bills were read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Benton the 15th instant; which was agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the President be requested to inform the Senate, if compatible with the public interest, whether the Quintuple treaty for the suppression of the slave trade, has been communicated to the Government of the United States in any form whatever? and if so, by whom? for what purpose? and what answer may have been returned to such communication? Also, to communicate to the Senate all the information which may have

been received by the Government of the United States, going to show that the "course which this Government might take in relation to said treaty has excited no small degree of attention and discussion in Europe." Also, to inform the Senate how far the "warm animadversions" and the "great political excitement" which this treaty has caused in Europe, have any application or reference to the United States. Also, to inform the Senate what danger there was that "the laws and the obligations" of the United States, in relation to the suppression of the slave-trade, would be "executed by others" if we did not "remove the pretext and motive for violating our flag, and executing our laws," by entering into the stipulations for the African squadron, and the remonstrating embassies which are contained in the eighth and ninth articles of the late British treaty. Also, that the President be requested to communicate to the Senate all the correspondence with our ministers abroad relating to the foregoing points of inquiry. Also, that the President be requested to communicate to the Senate all such information upon the negotiation of the African squadron articles as will show the origin of such articles, and the history and progress of their formation.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Bayard the 13th instant, in relation to the employment of a corps of reporters.

On motion by Mr. Bayard,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 3) amendatory of the several acts establishing the Treasury Department; and,

On motion by Mr. Tallmadge,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to Tuesday, the third of January.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (S 12) to indemnify Major General Andrew Jackson for damage sustained in the discharge of his official duty.

On motion by Mr. Crittenden,

That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 23, Nays, ... 19.

On motion by Mr. Linn,

The yeas and nays being desired by one fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Clayton, Conrad, Crafts, Crittenden, Evans, Graham, Henderson, Huntington, Merrick, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Porter, Simmons, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Tallmadge, White, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Benton, Berrien, Buchanan, Fulton, King, Linn, McRoberts, Mangum, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

So it was

Ordered, That the bill be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of State, made agreeably to law, on the changes and modifications in the commercial systems of other nations, by treaties, duties on imports, and other regulations; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Huntington, that it be printed,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Printing.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of State, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate of the 13th instant, in relation to the operation of the bankrupt law; which was read, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Huntington, that it be printed,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Clarke, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the following bills:

H. R. 205. An act for the relief of Charles B. Hall, of Cincinnati;

H. R. 209. An act for the relief of Robert Ramsay;

H. R. 212. An act authorizing the sale of lands, with the improvements thereon, erected by the United States for the use of their agents, teachers, farmers, mechanics, and other persons employed among the Indians;

H. R. 227. An act for the relief of the owners, master, and crew of the schooner Martha, of Eastport, in the State of Maine;

H. R. 228. An act for the relief of the owners, master, and crew of the schooner Codhook, of Bluehill, Maine;

H. R. 239. An act to refund Charles Holt a fine imposed on him under the sedition law;

H. R. 283. An act for the relief of George Hommill;

H. R. 285. An act granting a pension to Aquilla Goodwin;

H. R. 286. An act granting an increase of pension to Isaac Plumer;

H. R. 288. An act for the relief of Major Thomas Harrison;

H. R. 289. An act for the relief of John Javins;

H. R. 290. An act for the relief of John Farnham;

H. R. 319. An act for the relief of Samuel Hambleton;

H. R. 325. An act for the relief of the vestry and churchwardens of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the parish of St. Philip, in Charleston, in South Carolina;

H. R. 326. An act for the relief of Levi Eldridge and others;

H. R. 327. An act for the relief of the owners, master, and crew of the schooner Joanna, of Ellsworth, Maine;

H. R. 355. An act for the relief of William Allen;

H. R. 356. An act for the relief of Lloyd J. Bryan;

H. R. 357. An act for the relief of Nancy Tompkins;

H. R. 358. An act for the relief of Benjamin J. Totten;

H. R. 359. An act for the relief of Mary Crawford;

H. R. 360. An act granting to James Lowe one thousand dollars and a section of land;

H. R. 362. An act for the relief of Leah Tenure;

H. R. 363. An act for the relief of Ruth Mathiot;

H. R. 365. An act for the relief of Carter B. Chandler;

H. R. 366. An act for the relief of Henry Freeman;

H. R. 367. An act for the relief of Sarah White, of the county of Belmont, and State of Ohio;

H. R. 368. An act for the relief of Nancy Byrd, widow of Baylor Byrd, a revolutionary soldier;

H. R. 369. An act for the relief of Alice Usher;

H. R. 370. An act for the relief of Eve Vanderburgh;
H. R. 371. An act for the relief of Martha Damarine;
H. R. 372. An act for the relief of Elizabeth Dawkins;
H. R. 373. An act for the relief of Richard Marsh;
H. R. 374. An act for the relief of Joseph Bonnel;
H. R. 375. An act for the relief of Nancy Hambright, widow of Captain John Hambright, deceased;
H. R. 376. An act for the relief of Tirzah Hunt;
H. R. 377. An act granting a pension to Joseph Watson;
H. R. 380. An act for the payment of seven companies of Georgia militia, for services rendered in the years 1840 and 1841;
H. R. 381. An act for the relief of David W. Haley;
H. R. 388. An act for the relief of Allen Rogers;
H. R. 389. An act for the relief of William G. Sanders;
H. R. 390. An act for the relief of the owners and crew of schooner Martha;
H. R. 391. An act for the relief of the owners of the schooner Three Brothers;
H. R. 395. An act for the relief of Gorham A. Worth, one of the sureties of Samuel Edmonds, deceased;
H. R. 397. An act for the relief of the representatives of Alexander Macomb, Robert Jennings, and the heirs and legal representatives of James Roddy, deceased, sureties of Samuel Champlin, late a paymaster in the army of the United States;
H. R. 401. An act for the relief of William Gale;
H. R. 404. An act for the relief Robert T. Norris;
H. R. 412. An act for the relief of Teackle Savage, administrator of Bolitha Laws;
H. R. 413. An act for the relief of Charles Gordon, owner of the schooner Two Sons, and the legal representatives of the crew of said vessel;
H. R. 414. An act for the relief of Orrin Prentiss, of Stonington, Connecticut, owner of the schooner Lilly, and the crew of said vessel;
H. R. 415. An act for the relief of Isaac Champlin and others, owners of the schooner Buffalo;
H. R. 416. An act for the relief of Joseph Holmes and others, owners, and legal representatives of the crew of the schooner Industry;
H. R. 420. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Daniel Brent, deceased, late consul of the United States at Paris;
H. R. 421. An act for the relief of John A. Smith;
H. R. 422. An act for the relief of Edwin Bartlett, late consul of the United States at Lima, in Peru;
H. R. 427. An act for the relief of the administrator of John Jackson;
H. R. 428. An act for the relief of the legal representative of Robert T. Spence;
H. R. 429. An act for the relief of Peter Lionberger;
H. R. 430. An act for the relief of John R. Delany;
H. R. 435. An act for the relief of Joseph W. Newcomb;
H. R. 441. An act for the relief of Silvia Underwood, mother of Lieutenant Underwood, deceased;
H. R. 442. An act for the relief of James Mount;
H. R. 443. An act for the relief of Susan Brum;

H. R. 447. An act for the relief of Elizabeth Harris;
H. R. 448. An act for the relief of Robert Layton's children;
H. R. 449. An act for the relief of Mary Elder;
H. R. 450. An act for the relief of the widow of Captain William Royall, deceased;
H. R. 451. An act for the relief of Prudence Couch;
H. R. 452. An act for the relief of Anna Jones;
H. R. 453. An act for the relief of Maria E. Brooks;
H. R. 454. An act for the relief of Asa Davis;
H. R. 455. An act for the relief David Atkinson;
H. R. 456. An act for the relief of Samuel Neely;
H. R. 457. An act for the relief of James Sweetman;
H. R. 458. An act for the relief of Solomon Emerson;
H. R. 459. An act for the relief of Lyman N. Cook;
H. R. 460. An act for the relief of Gideon A Perry;
H. R. 461. An act for the relief of John H. Wiley;
H. R. 462. An act for the relief of John Hicks;
H. R. 463. An act for the relief of Jonathan P. Horton;
H. R. 464. An act for the relief of George Waddle;
H. R. 467. An act for the relief of Samuel Lord;
H. R. 471. An act for the relief of Caspar W. Wever;
H. R. 479. An act for the relief of Richard Rush;
H. R. 484. An act for the relief of James M. Morgan;
H. R. 485. An act for the relief of John Drysdale;
H. R. 486. An act for the relief of Garret Vleit;
H. R. 487. An act for the relief of Elisha Moreland, William M. Kennedy, Robert J. Kennedy, and Mason E. Lewis;
H. R. 489. An act for the relief of Samuel D. Rose and others;
H. R. 490. An act for the relief of Barert Striker;
H. R. 491. An act for the relief of John Wharry;
H. R. 492. An act for the relief of Mary McGee and Susan Peirce, heirs-at-law of George Neilson;
H. R. 493. An act to revive an act entitled, "An act for the relief of John Davlin;"
H. R. 498. An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to refund to David Watkinson & Co. a part of the duties imposed on a certain quantity of tin and iron imported by them into the port of New York;
H. R. 499. An act for the relief of Samuel Billings, owner of the fishing schooner Lurana;
H. R. 501. An act for the relief of the owners, officers, and crew of the armed brig Warrior, and their legal representatives;
H. R. 508. An act for the relief of Benjamin Evans;
H. R. 511. An act for the relief of Joshua Drew;
H. R. 518. An act for the relief of Thomas Copeland;
H. R. 520. An act for the relief of Sarah Parker, widow of Jonathan Parker;
H. R. 521. An act for the relief of George P. Pollen and Robert Colgate;
H. R. 522. An act for the relief of Isaac and Thomas S. Winslow;
H. R. 524. An act for the relief of Burr & Smith;
H. R. 525. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Francis Pellicer;
H. R. 526. An act for the relief of Alexander H. Everett;

H. R. 528. An act for the relief of George Roush;
H. R. 529. An act for the relief of Elizabeth Hillsman;
H. R. 531. An act for the relief of Esther Auger;
H. R. 532. An act for the relief of Wilmot Marsden, widow of George Marsden, deceased;
H. R. 533. An act for the relief of Abraham Vanhorn;
H. R. 534. An act granting a pension to John Peak;
H. R. 535. An act granting a pension to Israel Thomas;
H. R. 536. An act granting a pension to Joseph Westlake;
H. R. 541. An act for the relief of Dexter Hungerford, of Watertown, Jefferson county, New York;
H. R. 543. An act for the relief of Joseph Hover and Abelard Guthrie;
H. R. 545. An act for the relief of Peters, Moore, & Co.;
H. R. 546. An act for the relief of Richard Coke, jr., Robert Anderson, and George W. Southall;
H. R. 550. An act for the relief of Horace Wetherell;
H. R. 551. An act granting a pension to Robert Poindexter, of Kentucky;
H. R. 552. An act for the relief of Ferdinand Leibert;
H. R. 554. An act for the relief of James B. Sullivan, of the county of Rapides, in the State of Louisiana;
H. R. 561. An act for the relief of Benjamin Truslow;
H. R. 562. An act for the relief of Nancy Terry, formerly widow of John Davis;
H. R. 563. An act for the relief of Daniel Penhallow;
H. R. 567. An act for the relief of Snow Y. Sears;
H. R. 568. An act for the relief of John Gerard Ford;
H. R. 571. An act for the relief of Samuel M. Asberry;
H. R. 575. An act for the relief of John P. Skinner, and the legal representatives of Isaac Green;
H. R. 577. An act for the relief of S. Morris Waln;
H. R. 582. An act for the relief of Mary Williams, widow of Jacob Williams, deceased;
H. R. 583. An act for the relief of Joseph Ellery;
H. R. 587. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Lieutenant F. W. Smith;
H. R. 588. An act for the relief of James S. Calhoun;
H. R. 589. An act for the relief of Johnson Patrick;
H. R. 590. An act for the relief of Cornelius Wilson and James Canter;
H. R. 596. An act for the relief of Joseph W. Reckless;
H. R. 597. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Henry Hoffman;
H. R. 599. An act for the relief of Hugh Riddle, of the State of New York;
H. R. 600. An act for the relief of John Skirving;
H. R. 601. An act for the relief of Thomas King;
H. R. 603. An act to authorize the enrolment or register of the brig Neuva Granada;
H. R. 608. An act for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of William Lomax;
H. R. 612. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Captain Samuel Shannon, deceased;

H. R. 613. An act for the relief of Elizabeth Whiteman.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1842.

Mr. McRoberts presented the credentials of the honorable Sidney Breeze, chosen a Senator by the Legislature of the State of Illinois, for six years, from the fourth day of March, 1843; which were read.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Senate, exhibiting, agreeably to law, the expenditures from the contingent fund of the Senate during the year ending December 4, 1842, and the amount of the appropriation for the same unexpended at that time; which was read.

On motion, that it be printed,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Young presented the petition of citizens of McHenry county, Illinois, praying the establishment of a mail route from Hartland to Amazon, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Young presented the petition of William Elliot, jr., praying the right of pre-emption to a tract of land; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Young presented the petition of Alexander M. Jenkins, Richard J. Hamilton, and Lemuel Lee, praying to be released from judgments obtained against them by the United States, as the sureties of William Linn, late receiver of public moneys at Vandalia, in the State of Illinois; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Tallmadge presented three memorials from citizens of the State of New York, remonstrating against the repeal of the bankrupt act.

Mr. Crittenden presented the petition of F. H. Pettis, remonstrating against the repeal of the bankrupt act.

Mr. Woodbridge presented a memorial of citizens of New York, remonstrating against the repeal of the bankrupt act.

Mr. Archer presented a memorial of citizens of New York, remonstrating against the repeal of the bankrupt act.

Mr. McRoberts presented a petition of citizens of the city and county of Philadelphia, opposed to the repeal of the bankrupt act; and a memorial of citizens of Illinois, praying a repeal of the bankrupt act.

Mr. Berrien presented a memorial of citizens of New York, remonstrating against the repeal of the bankrupt act.

Ordered, That the said memorials be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Crittenden presented the petition of F. H. Pettis, praying that a system, of which he is the inventor, for the improvement of cloth, may be adopted by the Government for the use of the navy; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Woodbury presented the memorial of the watchmen employed at the Post Office Department, praying an increase of their compensation; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Williams,

Ordered, That the petition of John A. Dickerson, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Evans submitted a document in relation to the bill (H. R. 355) for the relief of William Allen; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Conrad, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the bill (S. 38) for the relief William De Buys, postmaster at New Orleans, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Sevier, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the memorial of Wareham Kingsly reported a bill (S. 53) for his relief; which was read, and passed to the second reading.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of John Bosworth, and that it be referred, with papers relating to the same, on the files of the Senate, to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Simmons, from the Committee on Printing, reported in favor of printing the following subjects:

Report of the Secretary of State on the changes and modifications in the commercial system of foreign nations.

Report of the Secretary of State in relation to the operations of the bankrupt law; and,

Ordered, That they be printed.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Linn asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 54) for the relief of certain companies of Missouri volunteers, commanded by Captains Pollard, Sconce, Atchison, Crawford, and Harrison; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Crittenden asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 55) for the relief of James Taylor, and for other purposes; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee of Claims.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. McRoberts asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 56) declaring the assent of Congress to the State of Illinois to impose a tax upon all lands hereafter sold by the United States in that State, from and after the time of such sale; which was read, and passed to the second reading, and ordered to be printed.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. King asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 57) for the relief of certain citizens of Alabama, who were deprived of their improvements by locations for the benefit of Creek Indians; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Henderson asked and obtained leave to bring in the following bills:

S. 58. A bill for the relief of the West Feliciana Railroad Company, and of the Grand Gulf Railroad and Banking Company;

S. 59. A bill to extend the time of payment of a judgment against the Planters' Bank of Mississippi, and the Agricultural Bank of Mississippi, and for other purposes; which were read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Woodbury the 27th instant, in relation to the receipts into the Treasury from customs, for the present year, and the unexpended appropriations at the close of 1840 and 1841; and agreed thereto.

The President pro tempore having stated to the Senate that the Secretary of the Senate had been served with a summons to appear before the circuit court of the District of Columbia, and to bring with him a paper on the files of his office, to be used as evidence in a cause pending before the court, and that the Secretary desired the directions of the Senate thereupon;

Mr. Berrien submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate have leave to take from the files of the Senate the anti-bank memorial specified in the *subpœna duces tecum*, issued from the circuit court of the District of Columbia, in the case of Henry Addison at suit of R. White, this day served upon him, for the purpose of being exhibited as evidence in the said case.

The bills yesterday received from the House of Representatives, were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That bills numbered 420, 421, 422, 526, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations; that bills numbered 498, 501, 522, 524, 552, 568, and 577, be referred to the Committee on Finance; that the bills numbered 205, 227, 228, 325, 326, 327, 390, 391, 404, 413, 414, 415, 416, 467, 499, 508, 511, 521, 567, and 603, be referred to the Committee on Commerce; that bills numbered 380 and 518 be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs; that bills numbered 209, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 388, 441, 442, and 443, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs; that bills numbered 319, 389, 412, 427, 428, 429, 430, 479, 484, 485, 486, 525, 541, 587, 588, 589, 590, and 612, be referred to the Committee of Claims; that bills numbered 283, 285, 286, 288, 289, 290, 362, 363, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 520, 528, 529, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 550, 551, 561, 562, 563, 571, 582, 583, 601, 608, 613, be referred to the Committee on Pensions; that bills numbered 239, 381, 395, 397, 491, 546, 575, and 596, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; that bills numbered 212, 487, 543, and 554, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands; that bills numbered 492, 493, and 599, be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims; that bills numbered 435 and 597 be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims; that bills numbered 489, 490, and 545, be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads; that bill numbered 401 be referred to the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office; that bill numbered 600 be referred to the Committee on Public Buildings; and that bill numbered 471 be referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills:

S. 4. A bill for the relief of Stalker & Hill;

S. 13. A bill allowing drawback on foreign merchandise exported in the original packages to Chihuahua and Santa Fé, in Mexico;

S. 17. A bill for the relief of sundry citizens of Arkansas, who lost their improvements in consequence of a treaty between the United States and the Choctaw Indians; and, no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be engrossed, and read a third time.

The following bills were read the second time, and considered, as in Committee of the Whole:

S. 24. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to make an arrangement or compromise with any of the sureties on bonds given to the United States by Samuel Swartwout, late collector of the customs for the port of New York;

S. 26. A bill for the relief of Ephraim D. Dickson;

S. 27. A bill for the relief of J. R. Vienne; and, no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill (S. 25) to authorize the settlement of the account of Joseph Nourse, was read the second time, and considered, as in Committee of the Whole; and, no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Phelps,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The bill (S. 37) for the relief of Thomas Fillebrown, jr., was read the second time, and considered, as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. Phelps,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Phelps,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, December 29, 1842.

Mr. Williams presented the petition of Seth Sweetser, a citizen of the United States, praying the establishment of a line of packets between the United States and the river Chagres, the Isthmus of Darien; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Phelps presented a petition of citizens of the Territory of Wisconsin, praying an appropriation for the construction of a harbor at Milwaukie, in that Territory; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Phelps presented a petition of citizens of the Territory of Wisconsin, praying that the usual appropriations for the expenses of the Territory, for the present and ensuing year, may be applied to the construction of harbors, and the improvement of roads in Wisconsin; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Phelps presented the petition of Andrew Welch, praying compensation for medical services rendered to a detachment of Florida volunteers in the year 1837, under a contract with their commanding officer; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Tallmadge presented four memorials of citizens of the State of New York, remonstrating against the repeal of the bankrupt act;

Mr. Buchanan presented a petition of citizens of Adams county, Pennsylvania, praying the repeal of the bankrupt act;

Mr. Porter presented a petition of citizens of New York, remonstrating against the repeal of the bankrupt act;

Mr. Berrien presented a petition of citizens of New York, remonstrating against the repeal of the bankrupt act;

Mr. Woodbridge presented a petition of citizens of New York, remonstrating against the repeal of the bankrupt act;

Mr. White presented a petition of citizens of New York, remonstrating against the repeal of the bankrupt act;

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Crafts,

Ordered, That the petition of Azael Spalding, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Conrad submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to report to the Senate what portion of the public lands in the State of Louisiana have been returned as not worth the cost of survey; and, also, if practicable, to cause to be prepared and transmitted to the Senate, a plan or diagram of such lands, showing the situation and character thereof.

Mr. Benton submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That, in addition to copies of all the correspondence with, and from our ministers abroad, in relation to the Quintuple treaty, the President be requested to communicate to the Senate (so far as it may be compatible with the public interest) copies of all such correspondence in relation to the late treaty with Great Britain.

On motion by Mr. Smith, of Indiana,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H. R. 212) authorizing the sale of lands, with the improvements thereon, erected by the United States, for the use of their agents, teachers, farmers, mechanics, and other persons employed among the Indians; and that it be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Smith, of Indiana,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of James Trimble; and that it be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Smith, of Indiana, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 41) for the relief of Elizabeth Munroe, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the resolution (H. R. 22) for the distribution of catalogues of the Library of Congress; and, having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

On the question, "Shall the amendment be engrossed, and the resolution read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 29, Nays, ... 13.

On motion by Mr. King,

The yeas and nays being desired by one fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Bates, Berrien, Clayton, Conrad, Crafts, Evans, Fulton, Merrick, Morehead, Phelps, Porter, Sevier, Simmons, Smith, of Indiana, Sturgeon, Tallmadge, Tappan, White, Wilcox, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Benton, Buchanan, Henderson, King, Linn, McRoberts, Mangum, Smith, of Connecticut, Walker, Williams, Woodbury.

So it was

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed, and the resolution read a third time.

The following bills having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, were severally read a third time:

S. 4. A bill for the relief of Stalker & Hill;

S. 13. A bill allowing drawback upon foreign merchandise exported in the original packages to Chihuahua and Santa Fe, in Mexico;

S. 17. A bill for the relief of sundry citizens of Arkansas, who lost their improvements in consequence of a treaty between the United States and the Choctaw Indians;

S. 24. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to make an arrangement or compromise with any of the sureties, on bonds given to the United States by Samuel Swartwout, late collector of the customs for the port of New York;

S. 26. A bill for the relief of Ephraim D. Dickson;

S. 27. A bill for the relief of J. R. Vienne.

Resolved, That the said bills pass, and that their respective titles be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills:

S. 18. A bill for the relief of the Steamboat Company of Nantucket;

S. 32. A bill making compensation to pension agents;

S. 36. A bill to continue the office of Commissioner of Pensions; and, no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be engrossed and read a third time.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, December 30, 1842.

Mr. Choate presented the petition of Asa Andrews, formerly collector for the district of Ipswich, Massachusetts, praying the payment of a sum ascertained to be due to him by the decision of a suit instituted against him by the United States; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Tallmadge presented three petitions of citizens of New York, remonstrating against the repeal of the bankrupt act; which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Tallmadge presented the memorial of the General Mutual, and other insurance companies of the city of New York, praying an appropriation for removing obstructions to the navigation of the Missouri and Mississippi rivers; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Benton presented a petition of merchants of the city of New York, praying the repeal of the bankrupt act; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. McRoberts submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of the General Land Office be directed to lay before the Senate a statement showing at what offices public sales of lands have been held since the 4th of September, 1841, being the date of the act to appropriate the proceeds of the sales of the public lands, and to grant pre-emption rights; and the total amount of money received at each public sale; and particularly that he state what amount, if any, was paid for lands above the minimum price of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre.

On motion by Mr. White,

Ordered, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of George C. Johnson, and that he have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Mr. Crittenden presented a petition of merchants of the city of New York, praying the repeal of the bankrupt act; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Berrien,

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, communicating a list of insolvent debtors of the United States, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H. R. 205) for the relief of Charles B. Hull, of Cincinnati; and from the further consideration of the bill (H. R. 467) for the relief of Samuel B. Lord; and that they be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H. R. 325) for the relief of the vestry and churchwardens of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the parish of St. Philip, in Charleston, in South Carolina; and from the further consideration of the bill (H. R. 521) for the relief of George P. Pollen and Robert Colgate; and that they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Huntington, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 567) for the relief of Snow Y. Sears, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Huntington, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (R. R. 511) for the relief of Joshua Drew, reported it with an amendment; which was read.

Mr. Archer, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the bill (S. 11) for the relief of claimants to indemnities received from the British Government for the loss of slaves from on board the Comet and the Ecomium, at Nassau, Bahamas, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Benton the 29th instant, in relation to the correspondence with the American ministers abroad, on the subject of the Quintuple treaty; and the resolution was agreed to.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Tyler, his Secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

In reply to the resolution of the Senate of the 14th December, I transmit, herewith, the accompanying letter from the Secretary of the Navy, and the statement thereto appended, from the Bureau of Equipment and Construction.

JOHN TYLER.

WASHINGTON, *December* 30, 1842.

The message was read, and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Benton, that it be printed,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, accompanied by a report of the Colonel of the Corps of Topographical Engineers, on the nature of the obstruction in the Bayou Manchac, and the cost of removing the same; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Henderson, that the report be printed,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

The amendment to the resolution (H. R. 22) for the distribution of catalogues of the Library of Congress, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the resolution was read a third time.

Resolved, That this resolution pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

The following bills having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, were read a third time:

S. 18. A bill for the relief of the Steamboat Company of Nantucket;

S. 32. A bill making compensation to pension agents.

Resolved, That the said bills pass, and that their titles be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bill (S. 36) to continue the office of Commissioner of Pensions having been reported correctly engrossed, was read a third time; and, having been amended, on the motion of Mr. Bates, by unanimous consent,

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 22) to authorize the adoption of measures for the occupation and settlement of the Territory of Oregon, for extending certain portions of the laws of the United States over the same, and for other purposes, together with the amendments reported thereto; and, the reported amendments having been agreed to, and a further amendment proposed,

On motion by Mr. Linn,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until tomorrow.

On motion by Mr. Linn,

Ordered, That, when the Senate adjourn, it be to Tuesday next: and,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1843.

Mr. Archer having stated that the honorable George McDuffie, who had been elected a Senator by the Legislature of the State of South Carolina, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the honorable William C. Preston, was then present, but that he was disappointed in finding that his credentials had not been transmitted:

The oath prescribed by law was administered to the honorable Mr. McDuffie, and he took his seat in the Senate.

Mr. Clayton presented a petition of citizens of the city and county of Philadelphia, opposed to the repeal of the bankrupt act.

Mr. Evans presented a petition of citizens of the State of Maine, praying the repeal of the bankrupt act.

Mr. Wright presented a petition of citizens of Oneida county, New York, praying the repeal of the bankrupt act; and four petitions of citizens of the city of New York, remonstrating against the repeal of the bankrupt act.

Mr. Tallmadge presented four petitions of citizens of the State of New York, remonstrating against the repeal of the bankrupt act.

Mr. Benton presented a petition of merchants and others of New York, praying the repeal of the bankrupt act.

Mr. Crittenden presented a petition of citizens of the city and county of Philadelphia, opposed to the repeal of the bankrupt act.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Tallmadge presented the petition of Jonathan T. Hudson, praying that the Secretary of War may be authorized to execute a contract with him for the adjustment of the title to the Pea Patch island, in the river Delaware; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Crittenden presented the petition of George Reber, administrator of William H. Hunter, deceased, praying remuneration for expenses incurred by the deceased as commissioner for treating with the Wyandot Indians; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. White presented the petition of the widow and heirs of John B. Chandonai, deceased, a half-breed Indian, praying compensation for his services during the war with Great Britain; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Young presented a petition of citizens of De Kalb county, Illinois, praying the establishment of a mail route from Chicago to Grand De Tour, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Smith, of Connecticut, presented a resolution passed by the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, instructing the Senators, and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress, to use their exertions to procure the passage of an act refunding to General Andrew Jackson the fine imposed on him by Judge Hall, in the year 1815, with interest; which were read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Smith, of Connecticut, presented a preamble and resolutions passed by the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, requesting Congress to pass a law making suitable provision for drilling and disciplining the officers attached to the militia of the States; which were read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Smith, of Connecticut, presented the preamble and resolutions passed by the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, instructing the Senators, and requesting the Representatives of the said State in Congress, to make all reasonable and proper exertions to procure the repeal of so much of the act of Congress of the 27th June, 1842, "for the apportionment of Representatives among the several States, according to the Sixth Census," as provides for the election of the Representatives of the several States by districts; which were read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Linn submitted documents in relation to the claim of Martin Fenwick to the confirmation of his title to a tract of land; which were referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Young submitted documents on the subject of a grant of land to the State of Illinois, to aid in the completion of the Illinois and Michigan canal.

On motion by Mr. Young, that they be printed,

Ordered, That this motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

On motion by Mr. King,

Ordered, That the petition of C. G. Gunter, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Sevier submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the resolution of the Senate of the 3d of March, 1841, requesting the Secretary of War to report to the Senate, at the ensuing session of Congress, his opinion upon the subject of the reservation claims arising under the Cherokee treaty, which had been rejected by the board of commissioners, &c., be, and the same is hereby, rescinded.

Mr. Merrick submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Roads and Canals be instructed to inquire into the expediency of surrendering to the State of Maryland all the interest the United States may have in the stock of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, upon such just and liberal terms as may be best calculated to induce to the early completion of that important work.

Mr. Linn submitted the following resolutions; which were considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation for the benefit of the heirs of William A. Slacum; and that the petition and papers, on file in the office of the Secretary of the Senate, be referred to said committee.

Resolved, That the Committee on Private Land Claims be requested to inquire into the expediency of passing an explanatory law, embracing certain land claims confirmed to the sons of Beneto Vasques, in 1836, by the board of commissioners appointed to investigate private land claims in Missouri, under an act of Congress of July 9, 1832, and March 2, 1833.

Resolved, That the Committee on Private Land Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of confirming to Martin Fenwick, of Maryland, a certain tract of land lying in the State of Missouri; and that the papers, on file in the office of the Secretary of the Senate, be referred to the same committee.

Resolved, That the Committee on Private Land Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of confirming to Absalom Link a certain tract of land lying in the State of Missouri; and that the papers, on file in the office of the Secretary of the Senate, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Buchanan submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to communicate to the Senate any report which may have been made to him, or to the Solicitor of the Treasury, by the United States attorney for the Eastern district of Pennsylvania, in relation to the cloth cases recently tried in that district, involving forfeitures consequent upon the violation of the revenue laws.

Mr. Linn submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the report of Lieutenant Wilkes to the Secretary of the Navy, relating to the Territory of Oregon, be printed; and that the charts of Columbia river, and the waters of Admiralty inlet and Paget sound, be engraved or lithographed, under direction of Lieutenant Wilkes.

Mr. Smith, of Indiana, submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to report to the Senate, in as concise a form as may be practicable,

1st. The amount of the public debt at the close of the war of the Revolution, and the amount paid by the federal Government for the individual States for expenditures incurred in that war.

2d. The amount of the public debt at the close of the late war with Great Britain, and the amount of the public debt at the close of each administration of the federal Government.

3d. The amount remaining in the Treasury at the close of each administration.

4th. The gross amount of the receipts of each administration, distinguishing between the receipts from imports, public lands, and other sources.

5th. The gross amount of the expenditures of each administration, distinguishing between the amount paid in discharge of the public debt, and for other purposes.

6th. The amount deposited with the States severally.

7th. The gross amount of continental paper money issued by the federal Government, and the amount of the same redeemed by the Government.

8th. The present public debt of the United States in gross.

9th. The present public debt of Great Britain in gross.

10th. The gross amount of exports and of imports of the United States during each administration of the federal Government.

11th. What nations have funded their public debt, or the debts of their citizens, under the original par value thereof, or at a diminished rate of interest, and the terms of such funding.

Mr. Huntington submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire as to the expediency of so modifying the existing laws, as that each Assistant Postmaster General shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate; also, whether it be expedient to repeal or modify the law which prohibits contractors for the conveyance of the mail from carrying, without the consent of the Postmaster General, newspapers other than those conveyed in the mail.

Mr. Berrien, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill (S. 60) to re-enact and continue in operation the several acts now in force for the relief of insolvent debtors of the United States; which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Woodbury, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of James B. McKown, submitted an adverse report; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Simmons, from the Committee on Printing, reported in favor of printing the following subjects:

Message of the President of the United States, of the 30th December, in relation to the African squadron.

Report of the Secretary of War in relation to the obstructions in the Bayou Manchac; and,

Ordered, That they be printed.

Mr. Young, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 61) to authorize the sale of school lands in the State of Illinois, and to legalize such sales as have been made prior to the passage of this act; which

was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Merrick, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 489) for the relief of Samuel D. Rose and others, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Merrick, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 490) for the relief of Barent Stryker, reported it without amendment.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Clarke, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills and a joint resolution of the following titles:

H. R. 196. An act for the relief of Joseph Nimblett;

H. R. 198. An act for the relief of Isaac Justice;

H. R. 199. An act to change the place of holding the circuit and district courts in the district of Maine;

H. R. 305. An act for the relief of John McColgan;

H, R. 559. An act for the relief of the Stockbridge tribe of Indians, in the Territory of Wisconsin;

H. R. 23. Resolution directing certain papers relating to titles to land in Louisiana to be returned to the General Land Office.

The President of the United States approved and signed, the 24th of December, the bill entitled, "An act making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of the Government for the half calendar year ending the 30th June, 1843.

The said bills and resolution from the House of Representatives, were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bills numbered 196 and 198 be referred to the Committee on Pensions; that the bill numbered 199 be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; that the bill numbered 305 be referred to the Committee on Commerce; that the bill numbered 559 be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs; and that the resolution numbered 23 be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

The bill (S. 22) to authorize the adoption of measures for the occupation and settlement of the Territory of Oregon, for extending certain portions of the laws of the United States over the same, and for other purposes, was resumed, as in Committee of the Whole; and, having been amended, it was reported to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Tappan,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until tomorrow, and that the bill, as amended, be printed.

On motion by Mr. Barrow,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 4, 1843.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of State, communicating further information in relation to the operation of the bankrupt act, in compliance with the resolution of the Senate of the 13th December last; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Berrien, that it be printed,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Tyler, his Secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

I communicate, herewith, to Congress copies of a correspondence which has recently taken place between certain agents of the Government of the Hawaiian or Sandwich Islands and the Secretary of State.

The condition of those islands has excited a good deal of interest, which is increasing by every successive proof that their inhabitants are making progress in civilization and becoming more and more competent to maintain regular and orderly civil government. They lie in the Pacific ocean, much nearer to this continent than the other, and have become an important place for the refitment and provisioning of American and European vessels.

Owing to their locality and to the course of the winds, which prevail in this quarter of the world, the Sandwich Islands are the stopping place for almost all vessels passing from continent to continent across the Pacific ocean. They are especially resorted to by the great number of vessels of the United States which are engaged in the whale-fishery in those seas. The number of vessels of all sorts, and the amount of property owned by citizens of the United States, which are found in those islands in the course of the year, are stated, probably with sufficient accuracy, in the letter of the agents.

Just emerging from a state of barbarism, the Government of the islands is as yet feeble; but its dispositions appear to be just and pacific, and it seems anxious to improve the condition of its people by the introduction of knowledge, of religious and moral institutions, means of education, and the arts of civilized life.

It can not but be in conformity with the interest and wishes of the Government and the people of the United States that this community, thus existing in the midst of a vast expanse of ocean, should be respected, and all its rights strictly and conscientiously regarded. And this must also be the true interest of all other commercial states. Far remote from the dominions of European powers, its growth and prosperity as an independent state may yet be in a high degree useful to all whose trade is extended to those regions; while its near approach to this continent, and the intercourse which American vessels have with it—such vessels constituting five sixths of all which annually visit it—could not but create dissatisfaction on the part of the United States at any attempt by another power, should such attempt be threatened or feared, to take possession of the islands, colonize them, and subvert the native Government. Considering, therefore, that the United States possesses so large a share of the intercourse with those islands, it is deemed not unfit to make the declaration that their Government seeks, nevertheless, no peculiar advantages, no exclusive control over the Hawaiian Government, but is content with its independent existence, and anxiously wishes for its security and prosperity. Its forbearance in this respect, under the circumstances of the very large intercourse of their citizens with the islands, would justify this Government, should events hereafter arise to require it, in making a decided remonstrance against the adoption of an opposite policy by any other power. Under the circumstances, I recommend to Congress to provide for a moderate allowance, to be made out of the Treasury, to the consul residing there, that, in a Government so new and a country so remote, American citizens may have respectable authority to which to apply for redress in case of injury to their persons and property, and to whom

the Government of the country may also make known any acts committed by American citizens of which it may think it has a right to complain.

Events of considerable importance have recently transpired in China. The military operations carried on against that empire by the English Government have been terminated by a treaty; according to the terms of which, four important ports, hitherto shut against foreign commerce, are to be open to British merchants, viz: Amoy, Foo-Choo-Foo, Ningpo, and Chinghai. It can not but be interesting to the mercantile interest of the United States, whose intercourse with China, at the single port of Canton, has already become so considerable, to ascertain whether these other ports now open to British commerce are to remain shut nevertheless against the commerce of the United States. The treaty between the Chinese Government and the British commissioner provides neither for the admission nor the exclusion of the ships of other nations. It would seem, therefore, that it remains with every other nation having commercial intercourse with China, to seek to make proper arrangements for itself with the Government of that empire in this respect.

The importations into the United States from China are known to be large, having amounted in some years, as will be seen by the annexed tables, to $9,000,000. The exports, too, from the United States to China constitute an interesting and growing part of the commerce of the country. It appears that in the year 1841, in the direct trade between the two countries, the value of the exports from the United States amounted to $715,000 in domestic produce, and $485,000 in foreign merchandise. But the whole amount of American produce which finally reaches China and is there consumed, is not comprised in these tables, which show only the direct trade. Many vessels, with American products on board, sail with a primary destination to other countries, but ultimately dispose of more or less of their cargoes in the port of Canton.

The peculiarities of the Chinese Government and the Chinese character are well known. An empire supposed to contain three hundred millions of subjects, fertile in various rich products of the earth, not without the knowledge of letters, and of many arts, and with large and expensive accommodations for internal intercourse and traffic, has for ages sought to exclude the visits of strangers and foreigners from its dominions, and has assumed for itself a superiority over all others nations. Events appear likely to break down and soften this spirit of non-intercourse, and to bring China, ere long, into the relations which usually subsist between civilized states. She has agreed in the treaty with England that correspondence between the agents of the two Governments shall be on equal terms, a concession which it is hardly probable will hereafter be withheld from other nations.

It is true that the cheapness of labor among the Chinese, their ingenuity in its application, and the fixed character of their habits and pursuits, may discourage the hope of the opening of any great and sudden demand for the fabrics of other countries. But experience proves that the productions of western nations find a market, to some extent, among the Chinese; that that market, so far as respects the productions of the United States, although it has considerably varied in successive seasons, has, on the whole, more than doubled within the last ten years; and it can hardly be doubted that the opening of several new and important ports, connected with parts of the empire heretofore seldom visited by Europeans or Americans, would exercise a favorable influence upon the demand for such productions.

It is not understood that the immediate establishment of correspondent embassies and missions, or the permanent residence of diplomatic functionaries, with full powers of each country, at the court of the other, is contemplated between England and China; although, as has been already observed, it has been stipulated that intercourse between the two countries shall hereafter be on equal terms. An ambassador or envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary can only be accredited, according to the usages of western nations, to the head or sovereign of the state; and it may be doubtful whether the court of Pekin is yet prepared to conform to these usages so far as to receive a minister plenipotentiary to reside near it.

Being of opinion, however, that the commercial interests of the United States connected with China require, at the present moment, a degree of attention and vigilance, such as there is no agent of this Government on the spot to bestow, I recommend to Congress to make appropriation for the compensation of a commissioner, to reside in China, to exercise a watchful care over the concerns of American citizens and for the protection of their persons and property, empowered to hold intercourse with the local authorities, and ready, under instructions from his Government, should such instructions become necessary and proper hereafter, to address himself to the high functionaries of the empire, or, through them, to the emperor himself.

It will not escape the observation of Congress that, in order to secure the important object of any such measure, a citizen of much intelligence and weight of character should be employed on such agency, and that to secure the services of such an individual, a compensation should be made corresponding with the magnitude and importance of the mission.

JOHN TYLER.

WASHINGTON, *December* 30, 1842.

The message was read.

On motion that it be printed,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Calhoun presented a petition of citizens of the city and county of Philadelphia, opposed to the repeal of the bankrupt act.

Mr. Tappan presented five petitions of citizens of Columbiana county, Ohio, praying the repeal of the bankrupt act.

Mr. Tallmadge presented two petitions of citizens of the State of New York, remonstrating against the repeal of the bankrupt act.

Mr. Miller presented a petition of citizens of Newark, New Jersey, remonstrating against the repeal of the bankrupt act.

Mr. Dayton presented a petition of citizens of the city and county of Philadelphia, opposed to the repeal of the bankrupt act.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Calhoun presented resolutions passed by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, requesting the Senators and Representatives of that State in Congress, to use their exertions to procure the passage of a law to refund to General Jackson the fine imposed on him by Judge Hall, in the year 1815; which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Calhoun presented a resolution passed by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, requesting the Senators and Representatives of that State in Congress, to use their exertions to have refunded to the heirs of Doctor Thomas Cooper, the fine imposed on him under the sedition law; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Buchanan presented a memorial of pilots engaged in the navigation of the Delaware river, praying an appropriation for the repair of the piers constructed by the United States on Reedy island; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion by Mr. Buchanan, that it be printed,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Buchanan presented a memorial of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying that the fine imposed on General Jackson by Judge Hall, in the year 1815, may be refunded; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Buchanan presented a memorial of the underwriters of the city of Philadelphia, praying an appropriation for removing obstructions to the navigation of the Western rivers; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Miller presented a memorial of citizens of Newark, New Jersey, interested in the safety of property transported on the Missouri and Mississippi rivers, praying an appropriation for removing obstructions to their navigation; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Miller presented a petition of citizens of Deckerstown, New Jersey, praying the establishment of a mail route from that place to Minisink, in the State of New York; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Rives presented the memorial of Richard Pollard, late chargé d'affaires of the United States at Chili, praying to be indemnified for the loss which he has sustained by the failure of the Government to supply him with bills of credit in time to meet his pecuniary engagements; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Bayard presented a petition of citizens of the State of Delaware, praying that a regulation of the Post Office Department, concerning the transmission of newspapers otherwise than by the mail, may be rescinded; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Merrick presented a petition of R. Sands, and other citizens of the United States, praying that a regulation of the Post Office Department concerning the transmission of newspapers otherwise than by the mail, may be rescinded; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. King presented the memorial of Thomas S. Easton, praying that an examination may be made into the merits of his invention for preventing explosions of steamboilers; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. King, that it be printed,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Rives submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to communicate to the Senate (if not, in his opinion, inconsistent with the public interests), copies of any correspondence between the Government of Great Britain and the Minister of the United States at London, on the subject of the destruction of the steamboat Caroline, which may not have been heretofore publicly communicated to either House of Congress.

Mr. Barrow submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be directed to communicate to the Senate the evidence in his possession, showing that depredations of the

most ruinous kind are being daily committed on the navy timber growing on the public lands; and that our own people are daily selling to our Government live oak timber which they take from the public lands; and, also, such proof as may be in his possession, tending to show that any foreign Government has, by contract with any of our citizens, obtained supplies of live oak cut from the public lands; and, also, inform the Senate, what additional grants of power and means to the officers of Government are, in his opinion, necessary, to the complete preservation for national uses, of the live oak timber growing on the public lands in the State of Louisiana, and the Territory of Florida.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolution (S. 2) authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to settle on certain terms the liabilities of the sureties of Gordon D. Boyd, late receiver of public moneys at Columbus, Mississippi, reported it with amendments; which were read.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee on Finance, to whom the following bills were referred:

H. R. 522. An act for the relief of Isaac and Thomas S. Winslow;

H. R. 524. An act for the relief of Burr & Smith;

H. R. 552. An act for the relief of Ferdinand Leibert; reported them, severally, without amendment.

Mr. Merrick, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, reported the following bills; which were read, and passed to the second reading:

S. 62. Bill to authorize the making of permanent contracts for the transportation of the United States mail upon railroads;

S. 63. Bill to prevent the employment of private expresses upon mail-routes, and for the prevention of frauds upon the revenue of the Post Office Department.

On motion by Mr. Wright,

That the memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of the city of New York, presented the 13th of December, relating to the establishment of a warehouse system, be referred to the Committee on Finance,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 17, Nays, ... 27.

On motion by Mr. Wright,

The yeas and nays being desired by one fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Benton, Fulton, Henderson, King, Linn, McRoberts, Rives, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Tappan, Walker, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Berrien, Buchanan, Choate, Clayton, Conrad, Crafts, Crittenden, Dayton, Graham, Huntington, Kerr, Mangum, Merrick, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Porter, Simmons, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Sturgeon, Tallmadge, White.

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion by Mr. Woodbury,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the consideration of so much of the annual report of the Secretary of the Treasury

as relates to the warehouse system, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (S. 22) to authorize the adoption of measures for the occupation and settlement of the Territory of Oregon, for extending certain portions of the laws of the United States over the same, and for other purposes.

The amendments made in Committee of the Whole were concurred in; and, the bill having been further amended,

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed, and read a third time.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 31) regulating the currency of foreign gold and silver coins in the United States; and,

On motion by Mr. Benton,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The bill (S. 45) for the relief of Benjamin Murphy was read the second time, and considered, as in Committee of the Whole; and, no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

Mr. Simmons, from the Committee on Printing, reported in favor of printing certain documents relating to the completion of the Illinois and Michigan canal, presented the 3d instant; and the report was concurred in.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Clarke, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 631) to amend the act establishing a district court of the United States at Wheeling, Virginia, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 5, 1843.

Mr. Wright presented the memorial of William De Peyster and Henry N. Cruger, praying compensation for a slave removed by order of General Jesup, with an emigrating party of Seminole Indians, and for the services of the slave previous to the removal; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Buchanan presented the memorial of the Philadelphia Board of Trade, praying the adoption of the warehousing system; which, with the memorials on the same subject heretofore presented by him, on the files of the Senate, was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Tallmadge presented the petitions of citizens of New York, remonstrating against the repeal of the bankrupt act; which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. McRoberts presented the petition of citizens of the State of Illinois, praying an appropriation for removing obstructions to the navigation of the Mississippi river; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Benton submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to communicate to the Senate a report of the exports and imports of gold and silver coin and bullion annually, from the 30th June, 1834, to the end of the last year, distinguishing between foreign and domestic gold.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the

bill (H. R. 501) for the relief of the owners, officers, and crew of the armed brig Warrior, or their legal representatives, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Evans also submitted an adverse report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Smith, of Indiana, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 33) to authorize the Legislatures of the States of Arkansas, Louisiana, and Tennessee, to sell the lands heretofore appropriated for the use of schools in those States, reported it with amendments; which were read.

Mr. Smith, of Indiana, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom were referred the bill (H. R. 487) for the relief of Elisha Moreland, William M. Kennedy, Robert J. Kennedy, and Mason E. Lewis, and the bill (S. 61) to authorize the sale of school lands in the State of Illinois, and to legalize such sales as have been made prior to the passage of this act, reported them, severally, without amendment.

Mr. Smith, of Indiana, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of citizens of Scott county, Arkansas, presented the 12th December, reported on the subject; and,

On motion by Mr. Smith, of Indiana,

Ordered, That the said petition lie on the table.

Mr. Graham, from the Committee of Claims, to whom the following bills were referred:

H. R. 429. An act for the relief of Peter Lionberger;

H. R. 430. An act for the relief of John R. Delany;

H. R. 484. An act for the relief of James M. Morgan;

H. R. 590. An act for the relief of Cornelius Wilson and James Canter;

H. R. 612. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Captain Samuel Shannon, deceased; reported them, severally, without amendment.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom were referred the documents relating to the claim of George Burke, submitted an adverse report; which was as ordered to be printed.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the petition of John Woodward, submitted an adverse report; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Archer, from the committee on Foreign Relations, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill (S. 64) to provide for the satisfaction of claims due to certain American citizens for spoliations committed on their commerce prior to the 30th day of September, 1800; which was read, and passed to the second reading.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Buchanan on the 3d instant, in relation to the seizures of cloth, for alleged violations of the revenue laws; and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Smith, of Indiana, the 3d instant, in relation to the public debt and expenditures; and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Rives the 4th instant, on the subject of the steamboat Caroline; and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Linn the 3d instant, on the subject of a report of Lieutenant Wilkes relating to the Oregon Territory; and,

On motion by Mr. Linn,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Barrow the 4th instant, on the subject of the live oak timber of the United States; and the resolution was agreed to.

The bill (H. R. 631) to amend the act establishing a district court of the United States at Wheeling, Virginia, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The bill (S. 56) declaring the assent of Congress to the State of Illinois to impose a tax upon all lands hereafter sold by the United States in that State from and after the time of such sale, was read the second time.

The bill (S. 45) for the relief of Benjamin Murphy, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bill (S. 22) to authorize the adoption of measures for the occupation and settlement of the Territory of Oregon, for extending certain portions of the laws of the United States over the same, and for other purposes, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

On motion by Mr. Calhoun,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to Monday next.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 6, 1843.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, stating that an appropriation will be necessary to enable him to carry into effect an act of August 9, 1842, for the relief of Daniel M. Hughes and others; which was read, and referred to the Committee of Claims.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, accompanied by a report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, in relation to the refunding of moneys to claimants for lands sold in the Greensburg, late St. Helena land district; which was read, and

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Buchanan presented a petition of citizens of Franklin county, Pennsylvania, praying the repeal of the bankrupt law; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Tallmadge presented two memorials of citizens of New York, praying the adoption of the plan for a board of exchequer recommended by the Executive; which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Choate presented the memorial of B. Adams & Co. and others, importing merchants in Boston, Massachusetts, praying the reimbursement of a sum paid on account of duties on goods imported into the United States; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Williams presented the petition of William McPherson, a seaman in the navy, praying a pension for injuries received while in the discharge of his duty; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Bayard presented the petition of Mary Ann Boyd, widow of a deceased naval surgeon, praying a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Woodbridge presented the memorial of the commissioners of internal improvements in the State of Michigan, praying an extension of the time allowed by law for laying down railroad iron, so as to exempt it from the payment of duties; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Fulton presented the memorial of James S. Conway, praying to be released from a judgment obtained against him by the United States, on the payment of the amount which he alleges to be justly due; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. McRoberts presented a resolution passed by the Legislature of the State of Illinois, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to procure the passage of a law to refund to General Andrew Jackson the fine and costs imposed on him by Judge Hall in the year 1815, with interest; which was ordered to lie on the table, and to be printed.

Mr. Wright presented the petition of Alonzo Smith and others, praying a revival of the act granting bounty land to the widows and heirs of soldiers in the last war with Great Britain, who died or were killed in the service of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion by Mr. Crittenden,

Ordered, That William P. Duval have leave to withdraw his petition and papers on the files of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Berrien,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next.

Mr. Bates, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Mary Furber, widow of Pierce Powers, submitted an adverse report; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bates, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Dicy, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 65) for his relief. The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 325) for the relief of the vestry and churchwardens of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the parish of St. Philip, in Charleston, in South Carolina, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Evans also submitted an adverse report on the subject, which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Woodbridge, by unanimous consent, had leave to bring in a resolution (S. R. 3) for the distribution of certain copies of the census, and of the compendium of the sixth census; which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Berrien, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom the following bills were referred:

H. R. 397. An act for the relief of the representatives of Alexander Macomb, Robert Jennings, and the heirs and legal representatives of James Roddy, deceased, sureties of Samuel Champlin, late a paymaster in the army of the United States;

H. R. 575. An act for the relief of John P. Skinner, and the legal representatives of Isaac Green;

H. R. 631. An act to amend the act establishing a district court of the United States at Wheeling, Virginia, reported them severally without amendment.

Mr. Berrien, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred

the petition of the assignees of John McKinne, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 66) for the relief of Charles J. Jenkins and William W. Mann, assignees of John McKinne.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Printing, reported in favor of printing the message from the President of the United States, recommending the recognition of the Government of the Sandwich islands, and the appointment of a commercial agent to China; and

Ordered, That the message be printed.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Printing, reported in favor of printing the report of the Secretary of State, made the 4th instant, in relation to the execution of the bankrupt law; and

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Printing, reported against printing the memorial of Thomas S. Easton, and the memorial of Lemuel A. Shaw and others; and

The report was concurred in.

Mr. Woodbridge, by unanimous consent, asked and obtained leave to bring in a resolution (S. R. 4) authorizing the Postmaster General to contract for carrying the mail from Chicago to St. Joseph; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Bayard, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 67) to regulate enlistments in the army, navy, and marine corps; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Huntington the 3d instant, in relation to the appointment of the assistants Postmaster General, and the transportation of newspapers; and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 631) to amend the act establishing a district court of the United States at Wheeling, Virginia; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 40) for the relief of persons residing within the reputed limits of the States of Arkansas or Louisiana, and beyond the boundary line between the United States and the Republic of Texas, as established by the commissioners appointed to ascertain the same.

On motion by Mr. Allen, to amend the bill by striking out section 1, lines 10 and 11, the words "to remove within the limits of the United States and," and inserting in line 12, after the word "person," "*on his or her removing;*

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 13, Nays, ... 25.

On motion by Mr. Allen,

The yeas and nays being desired by one fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Benton, Calhoun, Fulton, King, McRoberts, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Young.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Berrien, Choate, Clayton, Conrad, Crafts, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Huntington, McDuffie, Mangum, Merrick, Miller, Morehead, Porter, Rives, Sevier, Smith, of Indiana, Tallmadge, Woodbridge.

So the amendment was disagreed to.

No amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 11) for the relief of claimants to indemnities received from the British Government for loss of slaves from on board the Comet and Encomium, at Nassau, Bahamas; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 38) for the relief of William De Buys, postmaster at New Orleans; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate; and,

On motion by Mr. Smith, of Indiana,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, January 9, 1843.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Postmaster General, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate of the 27th of July, 1842, on the adoption of the federal coinage in the rates of postage, and the expediency of a reduction in those rates; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Tappan presented the credentials of the honorable William Allen, chosen a Senator by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio for the term of six years from and after the fourth day of March, 1843; which were read.

The President pro tempore presented joint resolutions passed by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Wisconsin, relative to their present session, and the refusal of the Governor to co-operate with them; which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Allen, that they be printed,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Conrad presented the petition of William A. Bradley and others, praying an act of incorporation as a gas-light company in the city of Washington; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Conrad presented the memorial of J. R. St. John Gregory & Co. merchants of New Orleans, praying remuneration for the loss of a sum of money by mail-robbery committed by hostile Creek Indians in the year 1836; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Wright presented a memorial of importers of cotton manufactures in the city of New York, praying a reduction of the duties on the finer description of cotton goods; also a memorial of importers of hardware in the city of New York, praying the imposition of an ad valorem duty on foreign hardware; which were referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Huntington presented two petitions of citizens of the State of Connecticut, and a petition of citizens of Massachusetts, praying an appropriation for improving the navigation of the river Thames, in Connecticut; which were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Huntington presented the memorial of J. L. Devotion and others, citizens of the United States, praying an extension of the time allowed by law for laying down railroad iron; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Huntington presented a memorial of proprietors in the several lines of steamers plying to and from the city of New York, and others, praying a repeal of that clause of the act of July 7, 1838, which requires iron rods or chains to be used in steamboats instead of wheel or tiller ropes; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

Ordered, That the memorial of Charles Larrabee, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Merrick,

Ordered, That the memorial of the president and directors of the Georgetown college, in the District of Columbia, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Crafts presented a resolution passed by the Legislature of the State of Vermont, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to procure the repeal of the bankrupt act; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Crafts presented a resolution passed by the Legislature of the State of Vermont, requesting the Senators and Representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to procure a restriction of the franking privilege, and a reduction of the postage on letters; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Crafts presented a resolution passed by the Legislature of the State of Vermont, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress to use their endeavors to procure the passage of an act to continue in force, for five years, the act of 1808, granting pensions to widows of revolutionary officers and soldiers who were married prior to January, 1794; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Crafts presented a resolution passed by the Legislature of the State of Vermont, protesting against the annexation of Texas or any slaveholding State to the Union; in favor of removing the seat of Government to a non-slaveholding territory; and of amending the constitution so as to suppress slavery in the United States in any shape whatever.

A motion was made that the resolution be received, and the same being objected to;

On motion by King,

Ordered, That the motion lie on the table.

Mr. Miller presented two memorials of merchants, mechanics, and others, of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, praying a renewal of the charters of the Bank of Potomac, and the Farmers' Bank of Alexandria, for a period of ten years; which were referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

On motion by Mr. Woodbridge,

Ordered, That the petitions of Joseph Campau, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Fulton presented a resolution passed by the Legislature of the State of

Arkansas, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to procure the passage of an act to refund to General Andrew Jackson, the fine imposed on him by Judge Hall, in 1815, with interest; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Fulton presented the memorial of the Legislature of the State of Arkansas, praying an appropriation for the completion of Fort Smith in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Woodbridge presented the petition of John R. Williams, praying the the confirmation of his title to a tract of land in Michigan; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Wright presented a petition of merchants of the city of New York, praying the repeal of the bankrupt act.

Mr. Miller presented the petition of George W. Blake, and others, opposing the repeal of the bankrupt law.

Mr. Archer presented a petition of merchants, and others, of the city of Richmond, Virginia, praying the repeal of the bankrupt act.

Mr. Kerr presented a petition of citizens of Baltimore, Maryland, opposing the repeal, and in favor of certain modifications, of the bankrupt law.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Woodbridge submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to communicate to the Senate such information as may be in the possession of the War Department, and not heretofore communicated, relative to any existing impediment to the convenient navigation of Lake St. Clair, and relative to the sufficiency of the harbors, and the safety of the commerce of the upper lakes.

Mr. Huntington submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so modifying the existing laws, as that the circuit court of the United States for the district of Connecticut shall be held on the 3d Tuesday of September, and on the 4th Tuesday of April, in each year, instead of the times now provided by law.

Mr. Conrad submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing so much of the act entitled, "An act respecting the organization of the army, and for other purposes," passed August 23, 1842, as provides that the second regiment of dragoons shall, from and after the 4th day of March next, be converted into a regiment of riflemen.

Mr. Barrow submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to inform the Senate why the appropriation made by Congress at the last session for Fort Livingston, in the State of Louisiana, has been withheld from the officer superintending the construction of that work; and also, by virtue of what law, or by whose authority said appropriation was withheld; and whether the appropriation has been expended on any of the military defences of the country; and also, that he inform the Senate whether the completion of Fort Livingston is not indispensably necessary to the military defence of New Orleans.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Clarke, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill (S. 36), from the Senate, entitled, "An act to continue the office of the Commissioner of Pensions."

They have passed bills of the following titles:

H. R. 617. An act for the relief of the representatives of Major General Baron De Kalb, deceased;

H. R. 619. An act for the relief of Asahel Lee, Harvey Lee, and Samuel Lee;

H. R. 620. An act for the relief of John Carr;

H. R. 621. An act for the relief of Samuel B. Tuck;

H. R. 622. An act for the relief of Thomas D. Gilson;

H. R. 623. An act for the relief of Joseph R. Chandler;

H. R. 625. An act for the relief of the heirs, or the assignees of the heirs, of Isaac Todd and James McGill;

H. R. 628. An act for the relief of Jonathan Britton;

H. R. 629. An act for the relief of Daniel Dunham;

H. R. 632. An act for the relief of David Allspach;

H. R. 633. An act for the relief of John E. Hunt;

H. R. 634. An act for the relief of Conrad House;

H. R. 635. An act for the relief of Boyd Reilly;

H. R. 637. An act for the relief of George Randall, John C. Haskell, and Elisha H. Holmes;

H. R. 638. An act for the relief of Robert G. Ford;

H. R. 640. An act for the relief of Catharine Wilson;

H. R. 654. An act for the relief of William Fabre;

H. R. 657. An act supplemental to the act of the 24th May, 1828, to continue a copy-right to John Rowlett;

H. R. 403. An act to divide the State of Kentucky into two judicial districts.

Mr. Graham, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the bill (H. R. 319), for the relief of Samuel Hambleton, and the bill (H. R. 427), "An act for the relief of the administrator of John Jackson," reported them severally, without amendment.

Mr. Graham, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 541), for the relief of Dexter Hungerford, of Watertown, Jefferson county, New York, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Graham, also submitted an adverse report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Crittenden, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom the following bills were referred:

H. R. 380. An act for the payment of seven companies of Georgia militia, for services rendered in the years 1840 and 1841;

H. R. 518. An act for the relief of Thomas Copeland; reported them without amendment.

Mr. Crittenden, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 7), to refund the balance due to Massachusetts for disbursements during the late war with Great Britain, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Bayard, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 67), to regulate enlistments in the army, navy, and marine corps, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of Ezekiel Wade, submitted an adverse report; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom were referred the documents relating to the claim of Lucretia Slaymaker, submitted an adverse report; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wright, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Grice, submitted an adverse report; which was ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Crittenden,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of E. Worrell.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of James B. McKown; and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of Mary Furber; and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

The following bills, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, were severally read a third time.

S. 11. An act for the relief of claimants to indemnities received from the British Government for loss of slaves from on board the Comet and the Encomium at Nassau, Bahamas;

S. 40. An act for the relief of persons residing within the reputed limits of the States of Arkansas or Louisiana, and beyond the boundary line between the United States and the republic of Texas, as established by the commissioners appointed to ascertain the same.

Resolved, That the said bills pass, and that their respective titles be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (S. 22), to authorize the adoption of measures for the occupation and settlement of the Territory of Oregon, for extending certain portions of the laws of the United States over the same, and for other purposes; and, after debate,

On motion by Mr. Choate,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 10, 1842.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of State, accompanied by additional documents, in relation to the effect and operation of the bankrupt act; which was read, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Choate, that it printed,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied by statements showing the state of the incorporated banks in the District of Columbia; which was read, and referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

On motion by Mr. Miller, that it be printed,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, in relation to the cloth cases in the eastern district of Pennsylvania, involving forfeitures consequent upon the violation of the revenue laws; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Buchanan, that it be printed,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Navy, made agreeably to law, showing the expenditures and appropriations for the contingent expenses of the Department for the year ending the 30th September, 1842; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Bayard, that it be printed,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Navy, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, in relation to pensions for disability to officers, seamen, and marines, while in service, and receiving pay; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Bayard, that it be printed,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, showing at what offices public sales of land have been held since the 4th of September, 1841, and the amount of money received at each public sale; which was read.

On motion by Mr. McRoberts, that it be printed,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Crittenden presented four memorials of citizens of the State of Kentucky, praying the establishment of agencies in the west for the purchase of water-rotted hemp for the navy; which were referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Choate presented a memorial of citizens of Boston, Massachusetts, interested in claims to indemnity for French spoliations, praying a settlement of their claims; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Printing, reported in favor of printing the communication from the Secretary of State of this day relating to the bankrupt act; and,

Ordered, That it be printed.

Mr. Crittenden, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of William De Peyster and Henry N. Cruger, reported a bill (S. 68) for their relief; which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 59) to extend the time of payment of a judgment against the Planters' Bank of Mississippi and the Agricultural Bank of Mississippi, and for other purposes, reported it with an amendment; which was read.

Mr. Miller, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom the memorial of the corporate authorities of the town of Alexandria was referred, reported a bill (S. 69) to amend the charter of the town of Alexandria; which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Berrien, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Richard H. Wilde, reported a bill (S. 70) for his relief; which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Berrien, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 12) to indemnify Major General Andrew Jackson for damages sustained in the discharge of his official duty, reported it with amendments; which were read.

Mr. Berrien also submitted a report on the subject; which was read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Walker submitted the views of a minority of the Committee on the Judiciary on the bill last mentioned; which paper was read, and ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Linn, that 10,000 copies of the said report and the views of the minority of the committee, in addition to the usual number, be printed for the use of the Senate,

Ordered, That the consideration of the motion be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Berrien,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of two memorials on the subject of a national exchequer presented the 6th instant.

Mr. Miller, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the petition of Daniel Murray, submitted an adverse report; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Barrow, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 71) authorszing an examination and survey of the harbor of Memphis, Tennessee; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Miller, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 72) for repaving and repairing a portion of Pennsylvania Avenue; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Kerr, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 73) to extend the Patent Office to Ninth street; which was read, and passed to the second reading.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted yesterday by Mr. Barrow, on the subject of appropriations for Fort Livingston; and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted yesterday by Mr. Conrad, on the subject of repealing a provision of the act respecting the organization of the army, and for other purposes; and the resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Williams reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills and resolution:

S. 36. An act to continue the office of Commissioner of Pensions;

H. R. 631. An act to amend the act establishing a district court of the United States at Wheeling, Virginia;

H. R. 22. Resolution for the distribution of catalogues of the Library of Congress.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Clarke, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills and an enrolled resolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The President pro tempore signed the two enrolled bills and the enrolled resolution this day reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The bills yesterday received from the House of Representatives were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That bills numbered 403, 632, and 657, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; that bills numbered 619, 620, 621, 622, 623 633, 634, 637, 638, be referred to the Committee of Claims; that bills num

bered 628, 629, 640, be referred to the Committee on Pensions; that the bill numbered 617 be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims; that the bill numbered 625 be referred to the Committee on Public lands; that bill numbered 635 be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs; and that the bill numbered 654 be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (S. 22) to authorize the adoption of measures for the occupation and settlement of the Territory of Oregon, for extending certain portions of the laws of the United States over the same, and for other purposes.

On motion by Mr. Calhoun,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until tomorrow.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 34) to provide for ascertaining and disposing of the lead mineral lands in the States of Illinois and Arkansas, and Territories of Wisconsin and Iowa, and for other purposes, together with the amendments reported thereto; and, the reported amendments having been agreed to, and the bill further amended, the bill was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed, and read a third time.

The following bills were read the second time, and considered, as in Committee of the Whole:

S. 53. A bill for the relief of Wareham Kingsley;

S. 60. A bill to re-enact and continue in operation the several acts now in force for the relief of insolvent debtors of the United States; and, no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be engrossed, and read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills:

S. 38. A bill for the relief of William De Buys, postmaster at New Orleans;

S. 41. A bill for the relief of Elizabeth Munroe; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be engrossed, and read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 567) for the relief of Snow Y. Sears; and, no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 511) for the relief of Joshua Drew, together with the amendment reported thereto; and, the amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

On motion by Mr. Bates,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 11, 1843.

The president protempore laid before the Senate a report of the Commissioner of the Public Buildings, made agreeably to law, showing the man-

ner in which the appropriations for public buildings, and the public grounds have been expended; which was read, and referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

On motion by Mr. Miller, that it be printed,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Tyler, his Secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

I have received a resolution of the Senate, of the 27th of December, in the following terms:

"*Resolved*, That the President be requested to inform the Senate, if compatible with the public interest, whether the quintuple treaty for the suppression of the slave-trade has been communicated to the Government of the United States in any form whatever; and if so, by whom? for what purpose? and what answer may have been returned to such communication? Also, to communicate to the Senate all the information which may have been received by the Government of the United States going to show that the '*course which this Government might take in relation to said treaty has excited no small degree of attention and discussion in Europe.*' Also, to inform the Senate how far the '*warm animadversions*' and the '*great political excitement*' which this treaty has caused in Europe, have any application or reference to the United States. Also, to inform the Senate what danger there was that '*the laws and the obligations*' of the United States in relation to the suppression of the slave-trade, would be '*executed by others*,' if we did not '*remove the pretext and motive for violating our flag and executing our laws*,' by entering into the stipulations for the African squadron, and the remonstrating embassies which are contained in the 8th and 9th articles of the late British treaty. Also, that the President be requested to communicate to the Senate all the correspondence with our ministers abroad, relating to the foregoing points of inquiry. Also, that the President be requested to communicate to the Senate all such information upon the negotiation of the African squadron articles, as will show the origin of such articles, and the history and progress of their formation."

I informed the Senate, in the message transmitting the treaty with England of the 9th of August last, that no application or request had been made to this Government, to become a party to the Quintuple treaty. Agents of the Government abroad, regarding the signature of that treaty as a political occurrence of some importance, obtained, unofficially, copies of it, and transmitted those copies to the Department of State, as other intelligence is communicated, for the information of the Government. The treaty has not been communicated to the Government of the United States from any other quarter, in any other manner, or for any other purpose.

The next request expressed in the resolution is in these words: "Also, to communicate to the Senate all the information which may have been received by the Government of the United States going to show that the 'course which this Government might take in relation to said treaty has excited no small degree of attention and discussion in Europe.' Also, to inform the Senate how far the 'warm animadversions' and the 'great political excitement' which this treaty has caused in Europe, have any application or reference to the United States."

The words quoted in this part of the resolution appear to be taken from my message above mentioned. In that communication I said:

"No application or request has been made to this Government to become a party to this treaty; but the course it might take in regard to it has excited no small degree of attention and discussion in Europe, as the principle upon which it is founded, and the stipulations which it contains, have caused warm animadversions and great political excitement.

"In my message at the commencement of the present session of Congress, I endeavored to state the principles which this Government supports respecting the right of search and the immunity of flags. Desirous of maintaining those principles fully, at the same time that existing obligations should be fulfilled, I have thought it most consistent with the honor and dignity of the country that it should execute its own laws, and perform its own obligations, by its own means and its own power. The examination or visitation of the merchant vessels of one nation by the cruisers of another, for any purposes except those known and acknowledged by the law of nations, under whatever restraints or regulations it may take place, may lead to dangerous results. It is far better, by other means, to supersede any supposed necessity, or any motive, for such examination or visit. Interference with a merchant vessel by an armed cruiser is always a delicate proceeding, apt to touch the point of national honor, as well as to affect the interests of individuals. It has been thought, therefore, expedient, not only in accordance with the stipulations of the treaty of Ghent, but at the same time as removing all pretext on the part of others for violating the immunities of the American flag upon the seas, as they exist and are defined by the law of nations, to enter into the articles now submitted to the Senate.

"The treaty which I now submit to you, proposes no alteration, mitigation, or modification of the rules of the law of nations. It provides simply that each of the two Governments shall maintain on the coast of Africa a sufficient squadron to enforce, separately and respectively, the laws, rights, and obligations, of the two countries for the suppression of the slave-trade."

These opinions were expressed by me officially, upon the occasion of making to the Senate a communication of very great importance. It is not perceived how the accuracy of this general statement can be doubted by those who are acquainted with the debates of public bodies in Europe, the productions of the press, and the other modes by which public opinion is manifested, in an enlightened age. It is not to be supposed that excited attention to public and national transactions, or general political discussions in Europe on subjects open to all the world, are known only in consequence of private information communicated to the Government; and feeling a strong persuasion that it would be improper in the Executive to go into any discussion or argument upon such a subject with the Senate, I have no further remarks to make upon this part of the inquiry.

The third inquiry is: "What danger there was that 'the laws and the obligations' of the United States in relation to the suppression of the slave-trade, would be 'executed by others' if we do not 'remove the pretext and motive for violating our flag and executing our laws?'"

I have already quoted from the message the entire paragraph, to a part of which this portion of the inquiry is supposed to refer.

As to the danger there was that the laws and the obligations of the United States in relation to the suppression of the slave-trade, would be executed by others, if we did not remove the pretext and motive for violating

our flag, and provide for executing our laws, I might say, that this depends upon notorious facts and occurrences, of which the evidence has been in various forms before the country, and all the branches of the Government.

When I came to occupy the executive chair, I could not be ignorant of the numerous complaints which had been made on account of alleged interruptions of American vessels, engaged in lawful commerce on the coast of Africa, by British cruisers, on the ground of their being engaged in the slave-trade. I could not be ignorant, at the same time, of the well-grounded suspicions which pervaded the country, that some American vessels were engaged in that odious and unlawful traffic. There were two dangers, then, to be guarded against; the one, that this traffic would continue to be carried on in American ships, and perhaps much increased, unless some new and vigorous effort should be made for its suppression; the other, that acquiescence in the capture of American vessels, notorious slave-dealers, by British cruisers, might give countenance to seizures and detentions of vessels lawfully employed, on light, or groundless suspicions. And cases had arisen, under the administration of those who preceded me, well calculated to show the extent and magnitude of this latter danger; and believing that very serious consequences might, in time, grow out of the obvious tendency and progress of things, I felt it to be my duty to arrest that progress, to rescue the immunity of the American flag from the danger which hung over it, and to do this by recommending such a provision for the execution of our own laws as should remove all pretence for the interference of others.

Among the occurrences to which I have alluded, it may be useful to particularise one case.

The schooner "Catharine," an American vessel owned by citizens of the United States, was seized on the coast of Africa, by the British cruiser, called the "Dolphin," and brought into the port of New York, in the summer of 1839. Upon being brought into port, Benjamin F. Butler, Esq., district attorney of the United States for the southern district of New York, appeared in the district court of the United States, for that district, and, in the name and behalf of the United States, libelled the schooner, her apparel and furniture, for a violation of the several acts of Congress passed for the suppression of the slave-trade. The schooner being arrested by the usual process in such cases, and possession taken of her, from the hands of the British captors, by officers of the United States, the cause proceeded, and by a decree of the circuit court, in December, 1840, a forfeiture was pronounced; from this decree an appeal was taken, which is now pending in he Supreme Court of the United States.

It is true, that, in another case, that of the "Tigris," of like general character, soon after arising, the then Secretary of State, on the 1st of March, 1841, informed Mr. Fox, the British minister, that, "however strong and unchangeable may be the determination of this Government to punish any citizens of the United States who violate the laws against the African slave-trade, it will not permit the exercise of any authority by foreign armed vessels in the execution of those laws."

But it is evident, that this general declaration did not relieve the subject from its difficulties. Vessels of the United States found engaged in the African slave-trade, are guilty of piracy, under the acts of Congress. It is difficult to say that such vessels can claim any interference of the Government in their behalf, into whosoever hands they may happen to fall, any more

than vessels which should turn general pirates. Notorious African slave-traders can not claim the protection of the American character, inasmuch as they are acting in direct violation of the laws of their country, and stand denounced by those laws as pirates. In case of the seizure of such a vessel, by a foreign cruiser, and of her being brought into a port of the United States, what is to be done with her? Shall she be libelled, prosecuted, and condemned, as if arrested by a cruiser of the United States? If this is to be done, it is clear that the agency of a foreign power has been instrumental in executing the laws of the United States. Or, on the other hand, is the vessel, with all her offences flagrant upon her, to be released, on account of the agency by which she was seized, discharged of all penalties, and left at liberty to renew her illegal and nefarious traffic?

It appeared to me that the best, if not the only, mode of avoiding these and other difficulties, was by adopting such a provision as is contained in the late treaty with England.

The Senate asks me for the reasons for entering into the stipulations for the "remonstrating embassies," contained in the late treaty. Surely there is no stipulation in the treaty for any "remonstrating embassies," or any other embassies, nor any reference or allusion to any such thing. In this respect, all that the treaty provides is in the 9th article, and is in these words: "The parties to this treaty agree that they will unite in all becoming representations and remonstrances, with any and all powers within whose dominions such markets [for African slaves] are allowed to exist; and that they will urge upon all such powers the propriety and duty of closing such markets, effectually, at once and for ever.

It always gives me sincere pleasure to communicate to both Houses of Congress anything in my power, which may aid them in the discharge of their high duties, and which the public interest does not require to be withheld. In transmitting the late treaty to the Senate, everything was caused to accompany it, which it was supposed could enlighten the judgment of the Senate upon its various provisions. The views of the Executive, in agreeing to the 8th and 9th articles, were fully expressed; and pending the discussion in the Senate, every call for further information was promptly complied with, and nothing kept back which the Senate desired. Upon this information and upon its own knowledge of the subject, the Senate made up and pronounced its judgment upon its own high responsibility; and as the result of that judgment, the treaty was ratified, as the journal shows, by a vote of thirty-nine to nine. The treaty has thus become the law of the land, by the express advice of the Senate, given in the most solemn manner known to its proceedings.

The fourth request is, "that the President be requested to communicate to the Senate all the correspondence with our ministers abroad relating to the foregoing points of inquiry."

If this branch of the resolution were more definite, some parts of it might, perhaps, be met without prejudice to the public interest, by extracts from the correspondence referred to. At a future day, a communication may be expected to be made as broad and general as a proper regard to these interests will admit; but at present, I deem any such communication not to be consistent with the public interest.

The fifth, and last, is, "that the President be requested to communicate to the Senate all such information upon the negotiation of the African squad-

ron articles, as will show the origin of such articles, and the history and progress of their formation."

These articles were proposed to the British minister by the Secretary of State, under my express sanction, and were acceded to by him, and have since been ratified by both Governments. I might, without disrespect, speak of the novelty of inquiring by the Senate into the history and progress of articles of a treaty, through a negotiation which has terminated, and as the result of which, these articles have become the law of the land by the constitutional advice of the Senate itself. But I repeat, that those articles had their origin in a desire on the part of the Government of the United States to fulfil its obligations, entered into by the treaty of Ghent, to do its utmost for the suppression of the African slave-trade, and to accomplish this object, by such means as should not lead to the interruption of the lawful commerce of the United States, or any derogation from the dignity and immunity of their flag. And I have the satisfaction to believe that both the Executive, in negotiating the treaty of which these articles form part, and the Senate, in advising to its ratification, have effected an object important to the Government and satisfactory to the people.

In conclusion, I hope I may be permitted to observe, that I have, out of a profound respect for the Senate, been induced to make this communication in answer to inquiries, some of which, at least, are believed to be without precedent in the history of the relations between that body and the Executive Department. These inquiries were particularly unexpected to me at the present moment. As I had been so fortunate as to find my own views of the expediency of ratifying the late treaty with England, confirmed by a vote of somewhat more than four fifths of the Senators present, I have hitherto flattered myself that the motives which influenced my conduct had been fully appreciated by those who advised and approved it; and that, if a necessity should ever arise for any special explanation or defence in regard to those motives, it could scarcely be in that assembly itself.

JOHN TYLER.

WASHINGTON, *January* 9, 1843.

The message was read, and, by unanimous consent, ordered to be printed.

Mr. Smith, of Indiana, submitted a letter from the Secretary of War, in relation to the title to the lands adjoining the site selected for the erection of fortifications near Detroit; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Graham presented a memorial of Edward B. Dudley and others, praying an extension of the time allowed by law for laying down railroad iron; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Miller presented a memorial of citizens of Washington, in the District of Columbia, praying a renewal of the charters of the banks in that city, for the period of ten years; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Bates presented the memorial of Horatio Greenough, in relation to the removal of the statue of Washington from its present position, in the rotundo, to the grounds in front of the western façade of the Capitol; which was referred to the Committee on the Library.

On motion by Mr. Bates, that it be printed,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Archer presented a memorial of citizens of Harper's Ferry, Virginia, praying the establishment of a civil, instead of a military superintendence, of the public works at that place; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Benton presented a petition of citizens of New York, praying the repeal of the bankrupt act; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Walker presented the memorial of John Grant, praying permission to institute a suit for the recovery of damages sustained by the violation of a contract with the Engineer Department, for the removal of a bar in the harbor of Mobile; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Sevier submitted additional documents in relation to the petition of James S. Conway; which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Woodbury presented a memorial of citizens of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, interested in claims to indemnity for French spoliations, praying a settlement of those claims; which was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Young,

Ordered, That Ephraim Sprague have leave to withdraw his petition and papers on the files of the Senate.

Mr. Huntington, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the petition of William Russell and others, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 74) for their relief.

The bill was read and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Huntington, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the petition of Rufus and Charles Lane, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 75) for the relief of the owners and crew of the schooner Twin.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Huntington, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Brown, submitted an adverse report; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Huntington, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 390) for the relief of the owners and crew of schooner Martha, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Huntington also submitted an adverse report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Huntington, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 499) for the relief of Samuel Billings, owner of the fishing schooner Lurana, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Huntington also submitted an adverse report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Huntington, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 327) for the relief of the owners, master, and crew of the schooner Joanna, of Ellsworth, Maine, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Huntington also submitted an adverse report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Huntington, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 227) for the relief of the owners, master, and crew of

the schooner Martha, of Eastport, in the State of Maine, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Huntington also submitted an adverse report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 58) for the relief of the West Feliciana Railroad Company, and of the Grand Gulf Railroad and Banking Company, reported it with amendments; which were read.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 568) for the relief of John Gerard Ford, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Evans also submitted an adverse report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Woodbridge, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 414) for the relief of Orrin Prentiss of Stonington, Connecticut, owner of the schooner Lilly, and the crew of said vessel, and the bill (H. R. 415) for the relief of Isaac Champlin; reported them severally without amendment.

Mr. Woodbridge also submitted an adverse report thereon; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Miller, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 471) for the relief of Caspar W. Wever, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Dayton, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 395) for the relief of Gorham A. Worth, one of the sureties of Samuel Edmonds, deceased, reported it without amendment.

Mr Dayton also submitted an adverse report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dayton, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Alexander M. Jenkins and others, sureties of William Linn, submitted an adverse report; which was ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Williams,

Ordered, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H. R. 388) for the relief of Allen Rogers; and that it be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Williams,

Ordered, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of the heirs of Samuel Nicholson.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Fulton asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 76) to revive the act for the relief of Mary Tucker; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion, submitted yesterday by Mr. Linn, to print an additional number of the report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the bill (S. 12) to indemnify Major General Andrew Jackson for damages sustained in the discharge of his official duty, and of the views of the minority of the committee thereon; and

On the question to agree to the motion:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 17,
Nays, ... 23,

On motion by Mr. Allen,

The yeas and nays being desired by one fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Benton, Buchanan, Fulton, King, Linn, McRoberts, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Berrien, Choate, Clayton, Conrad, Crafts, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Huntington, Kerr, McDuffie, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Porter, Smith of Indiana, White, Woodbridge.

So,

The motion was disagreed to.

The bill (S. 73) to extend the Patent Office to Ninth street, was read the second time, and referred to the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office.

The resolution (S. 3) for the distribution of certain copies of the census returns, and of the compendium of the sixth census, was read the second time.

The following bills, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, were severally read a third time.

S. 34. Bill to provide for ascertaining and disposing of the lead mineral lands in the States of Illinois and Arkansas, and Territories of Wisconsin and Iowa, and for other purposes;

S. 38. Bill for the relief of William DeBuys, postmaster at New Orleans;

S. 41. Bill for the relief of Elizabeth Munroe;

S. 53. Bill for the relief of Wareham Kingsley;

S. 60. Bill to re-enact and continue in operation the several acts now in force for the relief of insolvent debtors of the United States.

Resolved, That the said bills pass, and that their respective titles be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The amendment to the bill (H. R. 511) for the relief of Joshua Drew, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

The bill (H. R. 567) for the relief of Snow Y. Sears, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 489) for the relief of Samuel D. Rose and others; and

On motion by Mr. Miller,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 490) for the relief of Barent Stryker; and

On motion by Mr. Miller,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 35) for the relief of Henry Gardiner and others, directors of an association called the New England Mississippi Land Company; and

On motion by Mr. King,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the special order of the day for, Monday the 16th instant.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the resolution (S. 2) authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to settle on certain terms the liabilities of the sureties of Gordon D. Boyd, late receiver of public moneys at Columbus, Mississippi; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question, "Shall this resolution be engrossed, and read a third time?"

It was determined in the negative.

So,

The resolution was rejected.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (S. 22) to authorize the adoption of measures for the occupation and settlement of the territory of Oregon, for extending certain portions of the laws of the United States over the same, and for other purposes; and,

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until tomorrow.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 1843.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made agreeably to law, showing the amount borrowed under the act of April 15, 1842, and the terms of the loan; which was read, and, by unanimous consent, ordered to be printed.

Mr. Calhoun presented a memorial of citizens of the city and county of Philadelphia, praying the adoption of the plan of a board of exchequer recommended by the Executive; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Dayton presented a memorial of citizens of the State of New Jersey, remonstrating against the repeal of the bankrupt law; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of Connecticut,

Ordered, That the resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut in relation to the organizing and disciplining the militia of the States, be referred to the Committee on the Militia.

On motion by Mr. Walker,

Ordered, That the memorial of John Hutchins, the petition of Thomas L. Sumrall, the petition of John Fletcher, representative of William Taylor and Robert Elliott, the documents relating to the claim of Zachariah Dixon, and the petition of William Dowsing, on the files of the Senate, be severally referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion by Mr. King,

The vote of yesterday on passing to a third reading the resolution (S. 2) authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to settle on certain terms the liabilities of the sureties of Gordon D. Boyd, late receiver of public moneys at Columbus, Mississippi, was reconsidered; and,

Ordered, That the said resolution be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Solicitor of the Treasury, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, on the claim of municipality No. 1, of the city of New Orleans to the square of ground in New Orleans on which the customhouse stands.

On motion by Mr. Conrad, that it be printed,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Smith, of Indiana, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 76) to revive the act for the relief of Mary Tucker, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Smith, of Indiana, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 543) for the relief of Joseph Hover and Abelard Guthrie, reported it with an amendment; which was read.

Mr. Graham, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 389) for the relief of William G. Sanders, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Graham, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 412) for the relief of Teakle Savage, administrator of Bolitha Laws, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Graham also submitted an adverse report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Graham,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of B. Adams & Co., and others, and that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dayton, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 381) for the relief of David W. Haley, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Dayton also submitted an adverse report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fulton, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 77) to revive the act entitled, "An act to enable claimants to land within the limits of Missouri, and the territory of Arkansas, to institute proceedings to try the validity of their claims," approved the 26th of May, 1824, and an act amending the same, and extending the provisions of said acts to claimants to land within the States of Louisiana and Mississippi; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and and referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 33) to authorize the Legislature of the States of Arkansas, Louisiana, and Tennessee, to sell the lands heretofore appropriated for the use of schools in those States, together with the amendments reported thereto; and the amendments having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed, and read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 56) declaring the assent of Congress to the State of Illinois to impose a tax upon all lands hereafter sold by the United States in that State, from and after the time of said sale; and, no amendments being made, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the

bill (H. R. 501) for the relief of the owners, officers, and crew of the armed brig Warrior, or their legal representatives; and,

On motion by Mr. Evans,

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill (S. 64) to provide for the satisfaction of claims due to American citizens for spoliations committed on their commerce prior to the 30th day of September, 1803, was read the second time, and considered, as in Committee of the Whole; and,

On motion by Mr. Archer,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill, (S. 61) to authorize the sale of school lands in the State of Illinois, and to legalize such sales as have been made prior to the passage of this act; and,

On motion by Mr. Smith, of Indiana,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills:

H. R. 429. An act for the relief of Peter Lionberger;

H. R. 487. An act for the relief of Elisha Moreland, William M. Kennedy, Robert J. Kennedy, and Mason E. Lewis;

H. R. 522. An act for the relief of Isaac and Thomas S. Winslow;

H. R. 524. An act for the relief of Burr & Smith;

H. R. 552. An act for the relief of Ferdinand Leibert;

H. R. 484. An act for the relief of James M. Morgan;

H. R. 590. An act for the relief of Cornelius Wilson and James Canter;

H. R. 612. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Captain Samuel Shannon, deceased; and,

No amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they severally pass to a third reading.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 430) for the relief of John R. Delany; and, having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (S. 22) to authorize the adoption of measures for the occupation and settlement of the Territory of Oregon, for extending certain portions of the laws of the United States over the same, and for other purposes; and, after debate,

On motion by Mr. Morehead,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 1843.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of State, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, communicating information as to the cost of all commodities imported from foreign countries, at the places whence imported; which was read, and, by unanimous consent, ordered to be printed.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Navy, made agreeably to law, accompanied by a statement of the contracts and agreements made by the late Board of Navy Commissioners; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Williams, that it be printed,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Wright presented the memorial of the Utica and Schenectady Railroad Company, praying an extension of the time allowed by law, for the importation of railroad iron free from duty; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Tappan presented the petition of Joseph Cable, and others, citizens of Ohio, praying that Amos Kendall may be relieved from the consequences of a judgment obtained against him by William B. Stokes, and others, for his official acts as Postmaster General; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Berrien presented a memorial of citizens of Erie, Pennsylvania, remonstrating against the repeal of the bankrupt law; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Porter presented a memorial of citizens of Michigan, remonstrating against the repeal of the bankrupt law; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Huntington presented a memorial of citizens of the State of Connecticut, praying the completion of the improvements in the river Thames in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Woodbury presented resolutions passed by the Legislature of the State of New Hampshire, denying the constitutionality of the act of September 4, 1841, to appropriate the proceeds of the sales of the public lands, and to grant pre-emption rights, declining to receive the portion assigned to that State, under the act; and instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress, to use their exertions to have the same applied "to the general charge and expenditure of the United States;" which were referred to the Committee on Finance, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Woodbury presented resolutions passed by the Legislature of the State of New Hampshire, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress, to use their exertions to procure such a modification of the post office laws, as that postmasters, members of Congress, and officers of the General Government, shall not enjoy the franking privilege, except in cases in relating to official duties; and to effect a reduction of letter postage; which were referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Woodbury presented resolutions passed by the Legislature of the State of New Hampshire, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress, to use their exertions to procure the repeal of the act of September 4, 1841, to appropriate the proceeds of the sales of the public lands, and to grant pre-emption rights, the act establishing a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States, and the repeal or modification of the tariff act.

Ordered, That they lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Kerr presented a memorial of citizens of Baltimore, remonstrating against the repeal of the bankrupt law; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Evans,

Ordered, That the memorial of ship-owners of Robbinston, Maine, on the files of the Senate, relative to the establishment of a port of delivery, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion by Mr. Williams,

Ordered, That the petition of Richard Patten, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Barrow submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of retaining the organization of the four companies of light artillery, as fixed by the law of the 5th of July, 1838.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Printing, reported against printing the report of the Solicitor of the Treasury, communicated the twelfth instant; and the report was concurred in.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Printing, reported in favor of printing the memorial of Horatio Greenough; and a report of the Commissioner of Public Buildings, communicated the eleventh January; and

Ordered, That the memorial and report be printed.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 369) for the relief of Alice Usher, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 582) for the relief of Mary Williams, widow of Jacob Williams, deceased, reported it with an amendment; which was read.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Jonathan Brown, submitted an adverse report; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 30) for the relief of Ardre Spear, widow of John Spear, late an invalid pensioner, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Phelps also submitted an adverse report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 373) for the relief of Richard Marsh, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Phelps also submitted an adverse report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Berrien, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 491) for the relief of John Wharry, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Bates, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 372) for the relief of Elizabeth Dawkins, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Bates also submitted an adverse report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bates, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred a bill (H. R. 551) granting a pension to Robert Poindexter, of Kentucky, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Bates also submitted an adverse report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bates, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 534) granting a pension to John Peak, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Bates also submitted an adverse report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bates, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 365) for the relief of Carter B. Chandler, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Bates also submitted an adverse report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bayard, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 358) for the relief of Benjamin J. Totten, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Bayard, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 360) granting to James Lowe one thousand dollars and a section of land, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 355) for the relief of William Allen, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Williams also submitted a report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 359) for the relief of Mary Crawford, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Williams also submitted an adverse report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, on the petition of John Woodward; and, in conformity therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be rejected.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, on the claim of George Burk; and, in conformity therewith,

Resolved, That it is not expedient to act further in the matter.

Mr. Williams reported from the committee that they had examined, and found duly enrolled, the following bills:

H. R. 511. An act for the relief of Joshua Drew;

H. R. 567. An act for the relief of Snow Y. Sears.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Graham asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 78) directing a survey of the direct communication between the Albemarle sound and the Atlantic ocean; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a letter from the Clerk of the Senate of the State of Pennsylvania, enclosing the credentials of the honorable James Buchanan, chosen a Senator by the Senate and House of Representatives of that State, for the term of six years, commencing the fourth day of March, 1843; and the credentials were read.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 325) for the relief of the vestry and churchwardens of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the parish of St. Philip, in Charleston, in South Carolina; and,

On motion by Mr. Evans,

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 575) for the relief of John P. Skinner, and the legal representatives of Isaac Green; and,

On motion by Mr. Evans,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to Friday, the 20th instant.

On motion by Mr. Barrow,

Ordered, That, when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next.

The amendment to the bill (H. R. 430) for the relief of John R. Delany having been reported by the Committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time, as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The following bills were severally read a third time:

H. R. 429. An act for the relief of Peter Lionberger;

H. R. 484. An act for the relief of James M. Morgan;

H. R. 487. An act for the relief of Elisha Moreland, William M. Kennedey, Robert J. Kennedy, and Mason E. Lewis;

H. R. 522. An act for the relief of Isaac and Thomas S. Winslow;

H. R 524. An act for the relief of Burr & Smith;

H. R. 552. An act for the relief of Ferdinand Leibert;

H. R. 590. An act for the relief of Cornelius Wilson and James Canter;

H. R. 612. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Captain Samuel Shannon, deceased.

Resolved, That the said bills pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The following bills having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, were severally read a third time:

S. 33. Bill to authorize the Legislatures of the States of Illinois, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Tennessee, to sell the lands heretofore appropriated for the use of schools in those States;

S. 56. Bill declaring the assent of Congress to the State of Illinois to impose a tax upon all lands hereafter sold by the United States in that State, from and after the time of such sale.

Resolved, That they pass, and that their respective titles be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Morehead,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, January 16, 1843.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, communicating the reasons which have prevented the expenditure of the appropriation for Fort Livingston, in Louisiana; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Barrow, that it be printed,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate relating to the

impediment to the convenient navigation of Lake St. Clair, the sufficiency of the harbor, and the safety of the commerce of the upper lakes; which was read, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Allen presented a resolution passed by the Legislature of the State of Ohio, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to procure the repeal of the bankrupt act; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Allen presented a resolution passed by the Legislature of the State of Ohio, requesting the Senators and Representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to effect a change in the law regulating newspaper postage, and to cause the letter postage to conform to the federal coinage; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Allen presented a memarial adopted at a meeting of citizens of Cincinnati, Ohio, praying an appropriation for removing obstructions to the navigation of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion by Mr. Allen, that it be printed,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Allen presented a memorial of citizens of the State of Ohio, praying that the United States district and circuit courts for the district of Ohio may be removed from Cincinnati to Columbus; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Wright presented a petition of mechanics, and others, citizens of New York and Brooklyn, praying the erection of a floating dry-dock at Brooklyn, on the plan proposed by J. S. Gilbert; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Wright presented a memorial of manufacturers of fur hats, and others, citizens of New York, praying that foreign hatters furs may be admitted free of duties; which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Calhoun presented a petition of mechanics, and others, citizens of New York and Brooklyn, praying the erection of a floating dry-dock at Brooklyn, on the plan of J. S. Gilbert; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Calhoun presented two memorials of citizens of the city and county of Philadelphia, praying the adoption of the plan of a board of exchequer recommended by the Executive; which were ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Graham presented resolutions passed by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, requesting the Senators and Representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to procure an appropriation for completing the United States arsenal at Fayetteville, in said State; which were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sturgeon presented a petition of Andrew Wilson, and others, citizens of the United States, praying a modification or repeal of the bankrupt act; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Sturgeon presented a petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the repeal of the bankrupt act; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Tallmadge presented two memorials of citizens of the State of New York, praying the adoption of the plan of a board of exchequer recommended by the Executive; which were ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Buchanan presented a memorial of citizens of Philadelphia, praying the adoption of the plan of a board of exchequer recommended by the Executive; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Buchanan presented a memorial of citizens of Pennsylvania, proposing a plan for restoring the public credit and supplying a sound currency; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Buchanan presented the petition of Christopher Doughty, a revolutionary soldier, praying an increase of pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Crittenden presented the petition of Scott Campbell, a half-breed of the Dacota nation of Indians, praying the payment of a sum of money and the grant of a tract of land agreeably to a stipulation in the treaty of September, 1837, between the United States and a tribe of the Sioux Indians; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Huntington presented the memorial of Sarah Bacon, widow of a naval officer who perished by the wrecking of one of the vessels in the exploring expedition, praying compensation for the incidental loss of his private property; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Bates presented the petition of Mary Spencer and Mary Field, praying the revival of the act of July 7, 1838, granting half-pay and pensions to certain widows; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Kerr presented a memorial of citizens of Baltimore, Maryland, remonstrating against the repeal of the bankrupt act; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Calhoun presented the petition of Isaac Hopkins, praying compensation for a wagon and team pressed into the service of the United States during the revolutionary war; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Smith, of Indiana, presented a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, praying that the benefit of the act of July 7, 1832, may be extended to the volunteers and militia who served against the western Indians previous to the year 1795; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Conrad presented the memorial of Mary A. E. Zantzinger, widow of a deceased army officer, praying a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Benton presented the petition of John F. Delaplaine, praying the repeal of the bankrupt act; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. King presented the petition of the executor of William W. Walker, deceased, praying compensation for the transportation of a delegation of Creek Indians from Washington to their homes in the year 1826, under a contract with the War Department; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Miller,

Ordered, That the memorial of Alexander M. Cumming, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion by Mr. Linn,

Ordered, That Thomas M. Isett have leave to withdraw his petition and papers on the files of the Senate.

Mr. Williams reported from the Committee on Printing in favor of printing the report of the Secretary of the Navy, of the 13th instant, showing the contracts made by the Department; and,

Ordered, That the report be printed.

On motion by Mr. Crittenden,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of a number of citizens of Harper's Ferry, presented the 11th instant; and from the further consideration of the report of the Secretary of War on the obstructions in the Bayou Manchac.

Mr. Linn, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 14) to continue in force the act for the final adjustment of private land claims in Missouri, approved the 9th of July, 1832, and the act supplemental thereto, approved the 2d March, 1833, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Graham, from the Committee of Claims, to whom the following bills were referred:

H. R. 620. An act for the relief of John Core;

H. R. 622. An act for the relief of Thomas D. Gilson;

H. R. 633. An act for the relief of John E. Hunt and others;

H. R. 638. An act for the relief of Robert G. Ford; reported them severally without amendment.

Mr. Graham, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 637) for the relief of George Randall, John C. Haskell, and Elisha H. Holmes, reported it with an amendment; which was read.

Mr. Graham, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 634) for the relief of Conrad House, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Graham also submitted an adverse report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bayard, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 654) for the relief of William Fabre, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Bayard, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 357) for the relief of Nancy Tompkins, reported it without amendment.

Mr, Bayard also submitted an adverse report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bayard, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 52) providing for the establishment of a school of instruction in the naval service of the United States, reported it with an amendment; which was read.

Mr. Bayard, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 356) for the relief of Lloyd J. Bryan, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Bayard also submitted an adverse report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Bayard,

Ordered, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of John Bosworth, and that it be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Bayard, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Richard Patten, reported a bill (S. 79) for his relief; which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 209) for the relief of Robert Ramsay, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Williams also submitted a report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 443) for the relief of Susan Brum, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Williams also submitted an adverse report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fulton, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 77) to revive the act entitled, "An act to enable claimants to land within the limits of Missouri, and the Territory of Arkansas, to institute proceedings to try the validity of their claims," approved the 26th of May, 1824, and an act amending the same, and extending the provisions of said acts to claimants to land within the States of Louisiana and Mississippi, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Kerr, from the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office, to whom was referred the bill (S. 73) to extend the Patent Office to Ninth street, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Kerr, from the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office, to whom was referred the petition of C. M. Keller, reported a bill (S. 80) for his relief; which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Bayard, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill (S. 81) for the relief of certain officers of the late surveying and exploring expedition; which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Bayard also submitted a report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Revolutionary Claims on the claim of Lucretia Haymaker; and,

On motion by Mr. Sturgeon,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Samuel Grice; and,

On motion by Mr. Buchanan,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the petition of Alexander M. Jenkins; and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be not granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Revolutionary Claims on the memorial of Ezekiel Wade; and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be rejected.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads on the petition of Daniel Murray; and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Commerce on the petition of Samuel Brown; and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Clarke, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill from the Senate (S. 41) for the relief of Elizabeth Munroe.

They have rejected the resolution from the Senate to establish an additional joint rule in relation to the presentation of claims or petitions.

They have passed a bill (H. R. 393) to provide in certain cases for the sale of the real estate of infants within the District of Columbia; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They concur in the amendments of the Senate to the following bills:

H. R. 430. An act for the relief of John R. Delany;

H. R. 511. An act for the relief of Joshua Drew.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed eleven enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Williams reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

H. R. 429. An act for the relief of Peter Lionberger;

H. R. 430. An act for the relief of John R. Delany;

H. R. 484. An act for the relief of James M. Morgan;

H. R. 487. An act for the relief of Elisha Moreland, William M. Kennedy, Robert J. Kennedy, and Mason E. Lewis;

H. R. 522. An act for the relief of Thomas S. Winslow;

H. R. 524. An act for the relief of Burr and Smith;

H. R. 552. An act for the relief of Ferdinand Leibert;

H. R. 590. An act for the relief of Cornelius Wilson and James Canter;

H. R. 612. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Captain Samuel Shannon, deceased.

The President pro tempore signed the eleven enrolled bills last reported to have been examined; and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (S. 25) to authorize the settlement of the accounts of Joseph Nourse.

On motion by Mr. King, to amend the bill by striking out the following words, "with interest thereon at the rate of six per centum per annum from the date of said affirmance;"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 16, Nays, ... 17.

On motion by Mr. King,

The yeas and nays being desired by one fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Benton, Buchanan, Fulton, Graham, King, McRoberts, Miller, Smith of Connecticut, Smith of Indiana, Sturgeon, Tappan, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Young.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Bates, Berrien, Choate, Clayton, Crafts, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Kerr, Linn, Mangum, Phelps, Porter, Rives, Walker, Woodbridge.

So,

The amendment was disagreed to:

No further amendment being proposed,

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The resolution (S. 1) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States so as to limit the term of office of the judges of the Supreme and inferior courts, was read the second time and considered, as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question, "Shall this resolution be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas . . . . . 11, Nays . . . . . 24.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Benton, Buchanan, Fulton, Linn, Sevier, Smith of Connecticut. Sturgeon, Tappan, Wilcox, Woodbury.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Berrien, Choate, Clayton, Conrad, Crafts, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Kerr, McDuffie, Mangum, Merrick, Miller, Phelps, Porter, Rives, Smith of Indiana, Tallmadge, White, Woodbridge.

So,

The resolution was rejected.

The bill (S. 65) for the relief of Samuel Dicy was read the second time and considered, as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 76) to revive the act for the relief of Mary Tucker; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 17, 1843.

Mr. Woodbury presented the credentials of the honorable Charles G. Atherton, elected a Senator by the Legislature of the State of New Hampshire, for six years from the third day of March, in the year 1843; which were read.

Mr. Evans presented the petition of Nancy Pollerecsky, widow of a deceased revolutionary officer, praying a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Crafts presented a resolution passed by the Legislature of the State of Vermont, asking remuneration of expenses incurred by that State during the disturbances on the Canada frontier; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Rives presented a memorial of citizens of Philadelphia, praying the adoption of the plan of a Board of Exchequer, recommended by the Executive; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Buchanan presented the petition of Mary King, widow of a deceased revolutionary soldier, praying a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Tallmadge presented a petition of mechanics and others, citizens of New York and Brooklyn, praying the erection of a floating dry-dock at the latter place; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Tallmadge presented a petition of citizens of New York, remonstrating against the repeal of the bankrupt act; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Tallmadge presented a memorial of citizens of New York and Brooklyn, praying the adoption of the plan of a Board of Exchequer, recommended by the Executive; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Tallmadge presented the memorial of the Chamber of Commerce, of the city of Appalachicola, Florida, praying the erection of lights on Capes St. George and St. Blas, and the construction of a marine hospital at that port; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion by Mr. Calhoun,

Ordered, That the memorial of the convention of delegates of East Tennessee, on the files of the Senate, in relation to the improvement of the Tennessee river, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion by Mr. Benton,

Ordered, That the petition of John Moore, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Benton presented two memorials of merchants and others, of the city of New York, praying the repeal of the bankrupt act; which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Benton presented a memorial of citizens of Platte county, Missouri, praying the right of pre-emption to certain lands settled upon by them, and which they were compelled to abandon by order of the commanding officer of Fort Leavenworth; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Archer presented the memorial of the heirs of Daniel Trueheart, praying indemnity for property destroyed by the enemy during the revolutionary war; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Conrad presented the memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of New Orleans, praying the adoption of the warehousing system; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion by Mr. Conrad, that it be printed,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Linn presented a memorial of citizens of St. Louis, Missouri, praying an appropriation for improving the navigation of the Ohio, Missouri, and other western rivers; also, proceedings of the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce, in relation to the subject; which were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Merrick submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Postmaster General be directed to communicate to the Senate a statement showing the number of existing contracts with railroad companies for the transportation of the mail, and the price stipulated to be paid for said service, under each contract; and also, the amount paid for the transportation of the mail over each of said routes, the year previous to contracting with the respective railroads.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, showing the imports and exports of gold and silver coin and bullion, from the 30th of June, 1834, to the 30th September, 1842; which was read, and ordered to be printed by unanimous consent.

Mr. Bayard, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 71) authorizing an examination and survey of the harbor of Memphis, Tennessee, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Bayard, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported a bill (S. 82) for the augmentation of the marine corps, and for other purposes; which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Merrick, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill (S. 83) to repeal certain parts of the act entitled "An act respecting the organization of the army, and for other purposes," approved the 23d day of August, 1842; which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Merrick, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 635) for the relief of Boyd Reilly, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee on Finance, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill (S. 84) for the benefit of the Petersburg railroad company; which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Clayton, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 9) to amend an act entitled, "An act to establish the northern boundary line of the State of Ohio, and to provide for the admission of the State of Michigan into the Union, upon the conditions therein expressed," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Clayton also submitted a report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. White, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 212) authorizing the sale of lands, with the improvements thereon, erected by the United States for the use of their agents, teachers, farmers, mechanics, and other persons employed among the Indians, reported it without amendment.

Mr. White, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 10) for the relief of Joseph Bryan, Harrison Young, and Benjamin Young, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Bates, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom the following bills were referred:

H. R. 289 An act for the relief of John Javins;

H. R. 462. An act for the relief of John Hicks; reported them severally without amendment.

Mr. Bates, also, submitted a report on the bill last mentioned; which was ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Williams,

Ordered, That the Committee on Printing be discharged from the further consideration of the motion to print the memorial of citizens of Cincinnati, Ohio, referred the 16th instant.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Printing, reported in favor of printing the report of the Secretary of War, of the 16th instant, in relation to Fort Livingston; and,

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Williams reported from the committee that they had examined, and found duly enrolled, the bill (S. 41) for the relief of Elizabeth Munroe.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Evans asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 85) to authorize the appointment of an assistant collector at Bangor, in the collection district of Belfast, Maine; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The bill from the House of Representatives (No. 393) to provide, in certain cases, for the sale of the real estate of infants within the District of Columbia, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

The following bills having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, were severally read a third time:

S. 25. A bill to authorize the settlement of the account of Joseph Nourse;

S. 65. A bill for the relief of Samuel Dicy;

S. 76. A bill to revive the act for the relief of Mary Tucker;

Resolved, That the said bills pass, and that their respective titles be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 1843.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, accompanied by a statement of contracts, made under the authority of the Department during the year 1843; which was read.

Mr. Wright presented the petition of merchants, and others, of New York, praying the repeal of the bankrupt law; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Woodbury presented the petition of Thomas J. Bagby, praying an amendment to the bankrupt act; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Woodbridge presented the petition of William Morrow, praying to be indemnified for the loss he has sustained, in consequence of the violation of a contract entered into with an agent of the United States for executing work at the United States arsenal, in the District of Columbia; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Linn presented a petition of citizens of the southeastern part of the State of Missouri, praying the removal of the land office from Jackson to Fredericktown in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion by Mr. Smith, of Indiana,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of William Dowsing; and that it be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Printing, reported in favor of printing the following subjects:

Memorial of the Chamber of Commerce, of New Orleans, in favor of a warehouse system;

Report of the Secretary of the Treasury, on the condition of the District banks;

Report of the Secretary of the Navy, on the subject of payments for pensions;

Report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, of the 10th of January, in relation to the sales of the public lands;

Report of the Secretary of the Navy, of the 10th January, showing expenditures from the contingent fund;

Report of the Secretary of the Treasury, in relation to the cloth cases recently tried in the eastern district of Pennsylvania;

Resolutions of the General Assembly of the Territory of Wisconsin, presented the 3d of January; and,

Ordered, That they be printed.

On motion by Mr. Williams,

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of the Navy, of the 10th inst., relating to pensions to officers, seamen, and marines, in service, and under pay, be referred to the Commitee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Miller, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 72), for repaving and repairing Pennsylvania avenue, reported it with an amendment; which was read.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 617), for the relief of the representatives of Major General Baron De Kalb, deceased, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Woodbridge, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 86), to apply certain alternate sections of the public domain toward the completion of works of internal improvement in the State of Michigan, and for other purposes; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of State, accompanied by additional documents relating to the operation of the bankrupt law: which was read, and ordered to be printed, by unanimous consent.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, made agreeably to law, showing the names, dates of appointment, and pay, of all persons employed in the service of the Indian Department, during the year 1842; which was read, and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (S. 22), to authorize the adoption of measures for the occupation and settlement of the Territory of Oregon, for extending certain portions of the laws of the United States over the same, and for other purposes; and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Morehead,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 19, 1843.

Mr. Smith, of Indiana, presented a resolution passed by the Legislature of the State of Indiana, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to cause a regulation of the Post Office Department concerning the transmission of newspapers by mail to be rescinded; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Merrick presented a resolution passed by the General Assembly of the State of Maryland, requesting the Senators and Representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to procure the passage of an act authorizing the transfer of the stock held by the United States in the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company to the State of Maryland upon certain conditions.

Ordered, That it lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Porter presented a petition of citizens of the State of Michigan, remonstrating against the repeal of the bankrupt law; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Archer,

Ordered, That John Goode have leave to withdraw his petition and papers, on the files of the Senate.

Mr. Tallmadge presented the petition of John Golder, praying the authority of Congress to issue an amount of credit-checks; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Morehead submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to communicate to the Senate any letters or communications on file in the War or State Department relative to the granting by the British Government to the Hudson's Bay Company, and by that company to individuals, of any portion of the Territory of Oregon.

Mr. Sevier presented a letter from D. Levy, Henry Dodge, and A. C. Dodge, urging the appointment, by the Senate, of a Committee of Territories; which was read.

Mr. Smith, of Indiana, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 625) for the relief of the heirs or the assignees of the heirs of Isaac Todd and James McGill, reported it with amendments; which were read.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 619) for the relief of Asahel Lee, Harvey Lee, and Lemuel Lee, reported it with amendments; which were read.

Mr. Graham, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Duncan L. Clinch, reported a bill (S. 87) for his relief; which was read, and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Graham, from the Committee of Claims, to whom the following bills were referred:

H. R. 485. An act for the relief of John Drysdale;

H. R. 589. An act for the relief of Johnson Patrick; reported them severally without amendment.

Mr. Morehead presented the credentials of the Hon. John J. Crittenden, chosen a Senator by the Legislature of the commonwealth of Kentucky, for six years, from the fourth day of March, 1843; which were read.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate the credentials of the Hon. George McDuffie, chosen a Senator by the Legislature of the State of South Carolina, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Hon. William C. Preston, resigned; also the credentials of the Hon. George McDuffie, chosen a Senator by the Legislature of the State of South Carolina, for the term of six years, from the fourth day of March, 1843; which were read

The bill (S. 84) for the benefit of the Petersburg Railroad Company, was read the second time, and considered, as in Committee of the Whole; and, no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 7) to refund the balance due to Massachusetts for disbursements during the late war with Great Britain; and,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for Tuesday, the 24th instant.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 67) to regulate enlistments in the army, navy, and marine corps; and, having been amended, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill (S. 68) for the relief of William De Peyster and Henry N. Cruger, was read the second time, and considered, as in Committee of the Whole; and, no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 3) amendatory of the several acts establishing the Treasury Department; and,

On motion by Mr. Tallmadge,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Wednesday, the 25th instant.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 380) for the payment of seven companies of Georgia militia for services rendered in the years 1840 and 1841; and,

On motion by Mr. King,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 518) for the relief of Thomas Copeland; and,

On motion Mr. Crittenden,

Resolved, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills:

H. R. 319. An act for the relief of Samuel Hambleton;

H. R. 427. An act for the relief of the administrator of John Jackson; and, no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they severally pass to a third reading.

Mr. Williams reported, from the committee, that they had this day presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills and enrolled resolution:

S. 36. An act to continue the office of Commissioner of Pensions;

H. R. 429. An act for the relief of Peter Lionberger;

H. R. 430. An act for the relief of John R. Delany;

H. R. 484. An act for the relief of James M. Morgan;

H. R. 487. An act for the relief of Elisha Moreland, William M. Kennedy, Robert J. Kennedy, and Mason E. Lewis;

H. R. 511. An act for the relief of Joshua Drew;

H. R. 522. An act for the relief of Isaac and Thomas S. Winslow;

H. R. 552. An act for the relief of Ferdinand Leibert;

H. R. 567. An act for the relief of Snow Y. Sears;

H. R. 524. An act for the relief of Burr and Smith;

H. R. 590. An act for the relief of Cornelius Wilson and James Canter;

H. R. 612. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Captain Samuel Shannon, deceased;

H. R. 631. An act to amend the act establishing a district court of the United States at Wheeling, Virginia;

H. R. 22. Resolution for the distribution of catalogues of the Library of Congress.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (~~H. R.~~ S. 22) to authorize the adoption of measures for the occupation and settlement of the Territory

of Oregon, for extending certain portions of the laws of the United States over the same, and for other purposes; and,

After debate,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 1843.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting reports of the surveyors general of Arkansas and Wisconsin, appertaining to the annual report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Smith, of Indiana, that it be printed,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Sturgeon presented a memorial of citizens of Philadelphia, praying the adoption of the plan of a board of exchequer recommended by the Executive; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Miller presented the petition of Charles L. Williamson, late a commander in the United States navy, praying compensation for injuries received in consequence of exposure and fatigue while in service; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Kerr presented a memorial of citizens of Baltimore, Maryland, remonstrating against the repeal of the bankrupt law; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Crafts,

Ordered, That the administrator of Joseph Edson have leave to withdraw his petition and papers, on the files of the Senate.

Mr. Sevier submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That a Committee on Territories be added to the standing committees of the Senate.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Tyler, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States this day approved and signed an act to continue the office of Commissioner of Pensions.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Huntington, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom the following bills were referred:

H. R. 603. An act to authorize the enrolment or registry of the brig Neuva Granada;

S. 78. A bill directing a survey of the direct communication between Albemarle sound and the Atlantic ocean; reported them severally without amendment.

Mr. Huntington, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill (S. 88) declaring Robinston, in the State of Maine, to be a port of delivery; which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Sevier, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom the following bills were referred:

H. R. 375. An act for the relief of Nancy Hambright, widow of Captain John Hambright, deceased;

H. R. 457. An act for the relief of James Sweetman;

H. R. 601. An act for the relief of Thomas King;

H. R. 461. An act for the relief of John F. Wiley; reported them severally without amendment.

Mr. Sevier, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 371) for the relief of Martha Damaure, reported it without amendment.

The said bill was considered, as in Committee of the Whole; and,

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of John Bosworth, and that it be recommitted to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom the following bills were referred:

H. R. 196. An act for the relief of Joseph Nemblett;

H. R. 550. An act for the relief of Horace Wetherell;

H. R. 535. An act granting a pension to Israel Thomas; reported them severally without amendment.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 450) for the relief of the widow of Captain William Royall, deceased, reported it without amendment. Mr. Phelps also submitted an adverse report thereon; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dayton, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 596) entitled, "An act for the relief of Joseph W. Reckless," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of the widow of Thomas J. Boyd, submitted an adverse report; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Walker, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 546) for the relief of Richard Coke, jr., Robert Anderson, and George W. Southall, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Bates, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of William Davis, submitted an adverse report; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bates, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the memorial of Charles Larrabee, submitted an adverse report; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Berrien, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom the following bills were referred:

H. R. 205. An act for the relief of Charles B. Hall, of Cincinnati;

H. R. 467. An act for the relief of Samuel Lord;

H. R. 657. An act supplemental to the act of the 24th May, 1828, to continue a copyright to John Rowlett; reported them severally without amendment.

Mr. Sevier, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 460) for the relief of Gideon A. Perry, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Sevier also submitted a report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Graham, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 621) for the relief of Samuel B. Tuck, reported it without amendment; and that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 59) to extend the time of payment of a judgment against the Planters' Bank of Mississippi and the Agricultural Bank of Mississippi, and for other purposes, together with the amendments reported thereto; and, having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill (S. 69) to amend the charter of the town of Alexandria, was read the second time, and considered, as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill (S. 70) for the relief of Richard Henry Wilde, wasread the second time, and considered, as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion, by Mr. King, that it be postponed indefinitely,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 12, Nays, ... 26.

On motion by Mr. King,

The yeas and nays being desired by one fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Buchanan, Crafts, Fulton, King, Linn, McRoberts, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Sturgeon, Tappan, Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Berrien, Calhoun, Choate, Clayton, Conrad, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Graham, McDuffie, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Rives, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Tallmadge, Walker, White, Woodbridge, Woodbury.

So the motion to postpone the bill indefinitely, was disagreed to.

No amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Clarke, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the following bill and joint resolutions:

H. R. 614. An act to repeal the bankrupt act;

H. R. 30. Resolution for continuing an additional clerk in the Second Auditor's office;

H. R. 29. Resolution to establish agencies for water-rotted hemp.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill (S. 41), I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The President pro tempore signed the enrolled bill (S. 41) last reported to have been examined.

The bill and resolutions, last mentioned, from the House of Representatives, were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bill numbered 614, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; that the resolution numbered 30, be referred to the Committee on Finance; and that the resolution numbered 29, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The following bills having been reported by the committee, correctly engrossed, were severally read a third time.

S. 67. A bill to regulate enlistments in the army, navy, and marine corps;

S. 68. A bill for the relief of William De Peyster and Henry N. Cruger,

Resolved, That the said bills pass, and that their respective titles be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The following bills were severally read a third time:

H. R. 319. An act for the relief of Samuel Hambleton;

H. R. 427. An act for the relief of the administrator of John Jackson.

Resolved, That the said bills pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill (S. 84) for the benefit of the Petersburg railroad company, having been reported by the committee, correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

On the question, "Shall this bill pass?"

A debate ensued; and,

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 1843.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate the following reports:

1. A report from the Secretary of State, showing the names and compensation of the clerks and other persons employed in that department during the year 1842.

2. A report from the Secretary of State, showing the expenditures from the contingent fund of that department from December 1, 1841, to June 30, 1842.

3. A report from the Secretary of the Treasury, in compliance with a resolution of the Senate of the 28th of December last, showing the revenue from imports during the third and fourth quarters of the year 1842; the outstanding and unexpended appropriations at the close of the years 1840, 1841, and 1842, respectively; and the quantity of public land advertised for sale from the 4th March, 1840, to the 4th March, 1842.

4. A report from the Secretary of the Navy, in compliance with a resolution of the Senate of the 5th instant, in relation to the means necessary for the protection of navy timber on the public lands.

The reports were read, and, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That they be printed.

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

Ordered, That the report from the Secretary of the Navy, last mentioned, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Tyler, his Secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

I herewith transmit to the Senate, in answer to their resolution of the 19th instant, reports from the State and War departments.

JOHN TYLER.

WASHINGTON, *January* 23, 1843.

The message was read.

On motion by Mr. Archer,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

On motion by Mr. Archer, and by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That it be printed,

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Tyler, his Secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

I transmit to the Senate, herewith, in answer to their resolution of the 5th instant, a report from the Secretary of State, with accompanying documents.

JOHN TYLER.

WASHINGTON, *January* 23, 1843.

The message was read.

On motion by Mr. Rives,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

On motion by Mr. Rives, and by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That it be printed.

Mr. Tallmadge presented a petition of citizens of Cincinnati, Ohio, remonstrating against the repeal of the bankrupt law.

Mr. Tallmadge presented a petition of citizens of Baltimore, Maryland, opposed to the repeal of the bankrupt law, and in favor of amendments thereto.

Mr. Kerr presented a petition of citizens of Baltimore, Maryland, remonstrating against the repeal of the bankrupt law.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Linn presented the memorial of Joseph Smith, praying the establishment of an additional executive department of the Government, for the superintendence of subjects connected with agriculture and education.

On motion by Mr. Linn, that it be printed.

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Linn presented a petition of citizens of the State of Missouri, praying the removal of the land office from Jackson to Frederickton, in the southeastern land district in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Linn presented a petition of inhabitants of the southwestern part of the State of Missouri, praying an appropriation for the survey and improvement of the Spring and Grand rivers; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Evans presented a memorial of citizens of Bangor, in the State of Maine, praying the adoption of measures for placing the navigating interests of the United States upon a more equal footing with those of foreign powers, than is secured by existing treaties; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Bates presented a memorial of citizens of the State of Massachusetts, praying the adoption of measures for placing the navigating interests of the United States upon a more equal footing with those of foreign powers, than is secured by existing treaties; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Archer presented proceedings of a meeting of citizens of Ohio county, Virginia, in favor of the issue of Government stock, based upon a pledge of the public lands, as a means of relieving the distress of the country; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Archer, that they be printed,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Buchanan presented three memorials of citizens of Philadelphia, praying the adoption of the plan of a Board of Exchequer, recommended by the Executive; which were ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Buchanan presented the petition of James Gee, a soldier in the last war with Great Britain, praying a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Buchanan presented the memorial of Samuel Dexter, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Merrick presented a resolution passed by the Board of Aldermen, and Board of Common Council of the city of Washington, declaring the assent of the corporation of said city, to the transfer to the State of Maryland of the stock originally subscribed by it, in the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, on certain conditions; which was referred to the Committée on Roads and Canals.

Mr. Bayard presented a memorial of citizens of New York and Brooklyn, praying the construction of a sectional dry dock at the navy-yard at Brooklyn; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Bayard presented a memorial of citizens of Philadelphia, praying the adoption of the plan of a Board of Exchequer, recommended by the Executive; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Woodbury submitted additional documents relating to the claim of Robert Rodgers; which, with his petition, on the files of the Senate, were referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Choate presented a memorial of T. R. Shaw and others, praying the adoption of measures for placing the navigating interests of the United States upon a more equal footing with the commerce of foreign powers than is secured by existing treaties; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Choate presented the petition of Daniel Weed and others, citizens of Ipswich, Massachusetts, praying that the constitutional rights of colored seamen, citizens of free States, may be protected; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Calhoun presented a memorial of citizens of Philadelphia, praying the adoption of the plan of a board of exchequer recommended by the Executive; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Conrad presented the petition of H. J. Ramey and others, purchasers of public lands in the Greensburg (late St. Helena) land district, praying that patents may be issued for said lands, or that the purchase-money be refunded; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Young presented a petition of inhabitants of Washington precinct, in Kane county, Illinois, praying permission to relinquish the sixteenth section granted for the use of schools and to enter other lands in lieu thereof; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. King presented a memorial of citizens of Newburyport, Massachusetts, praying the adoption of measures for placing the navigating interests of the

United States upon a more equal footing with the commerce of foreign powers than is secured by existing treaties; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Bayard, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 29) to establish agencies for water-rotted hemp, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Conrad, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 554) for the relief of James B. Sullivan, of the county of Rapides, in the State of Louisiana, reported it with an amendment; which was read.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Printing, reported in favor of printing the report from the Secretary of the Treasury of the 20th instant, communicating reports from the surveyors general of the State of Arkansas and the Territories of Wisconsin and Iowa; and the Senate concurred therein.

Mr. Huntington, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 508) for the relief of Benjamin Evans, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bates, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 456) for the relief of Samuel Neely, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bates, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 571) for the relief of Samuel M. Asberry, reported it with amendments; which were read. Mr. Bates also made a report thereon; which was ordered to be printed.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution, submitted the 20th instant by Mr. Sevier, for the appointment of a committee on the Territories; and the resolution was disagreed to.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Clarke, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill from the Senate (S. 60) to re-enact and continue in operation the several acts now in force for the relief of insolvent debtors of the United States.

They have passed the following bills:

H. R. 544. An act to authorize the chief clerk in the office of the Secretary of State to frank public and official documents sent from that office;

H. R. 630. An act to prohibit extra allowances to any officer of the Government;

H. R. 671. An act further to continue in force the act for the payment of horses and other property lost in the military service of the United States; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Archer,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (S. 84) for the benefit of the Petersburg Railroad Company; and, after debate,

On the question, "Shall this bill pass?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 20, Nays, ... 19.

On motion by Mr. Buchanan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Berrien, Calhoun, Conrad, Crafts, Crittenden, Evans, Fulton, Graham, Henderson, Kerr, King, McDuffie, Mangum, Merrick, Rives, Sevier, Walker, Woodbridge, Young.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bates, Bayard, Benton, Buchanan, Clayton, Linn, McRoberts, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Smith, of Connecticut, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Sturgeon, Tappan, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury.

So it was

Resolved, That the said bill pass, and that its title be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Walker,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H. R. 395) for the relief of Gorham A. Worth, one of the sureties of Samuel Edmonds, deceased; and,

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (S. 22) to authorize the adoption of measures for the occupation and settlement of the Territory of Oregon, for extending certain portions of the laws of the United States over the same, and for other purposes; and, after debate,

On motion by Mr. Woodbury,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 24, 1843.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report from the Secretary of State, communicating additional information respecting the operation of the bankrupt law; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Berrien,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Berrien, and by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That it be printed.

Mr. Evans presented a memorial of citizens of Bath, in the State of Maine, praying a revision of the commercial treaties and arrangements between the United States and foreign Governments; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Calhoun presented a petition of citizens of Genesee county, New York, praying a modification of the tariff; which was referred to the Committee of Manufactures.

Mr. Calhoun presented a petition of citizens of Philadelphia, praying the adoption of the plan of a board of exchequer recommended by the Executive; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Rives presented a memorial of citizens of New York, praying the adoption of the plan of a board of exchequer recommended by the Executive; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Simmons presented a memorial of citizens of Bristol, Rhode Island, praying a revision of the commercial treaties and arrangements between the United States and foreign Governments; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Simmons presented a memorial of citizens of Providence, Rhode Island, praying a revision of the commercial treaties and arrangements between the United States and foreign Governments; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Wright presented a memorial of citizens of the State of New York, remonstrating against the repeal of the bankrupt law; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Wright presented the petition of Samuel Dewey, a soldier in the revolutionary war, praying a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Wright,

Ordered, That the petition of Joseph Watson, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Conrad presented the petition of Laurent Millaudon, praying the confirmation of his title to a tract of land; which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Crittenden presented the memorial of Balie Peyton, praying that the award of the arbitrators between him and the United States for ascertaining the value of a tract of land at the southwest pass of the Mississippi river, on which a lighthouse has been erected by the Government, may be carried into effect; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Tallmadge presented three memorials of citizens of the State of New York, and two memorials of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the adoption of the plan of a board of exchequer recommended by the Executive; which were ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Walker submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to communicate to the Senate a copy of the contract made with John Grant for dredging the channel of Choctaw pass, in the harbor of Mobile, in October, 1836, together with the date of the cancellation of said contract, and the reasons therefor. Also, a copy of any contract made with others for said work since 1836, and when the work was commenced under such contract, together with a statement of all the moneys expended in improving said Choctaw pass since 1836. Also, a copy of a contract for excavations on the Dog river bar, and when said excavations commenced under said contract, and the price paid for any machines to execute that work. Also, a statement of the time consumed in the construction of the steam dredging-machine built for the removal of the bar at the mouth of the Mississippi, including the time of transportation and other delays, until the work of excavation commenced.

On motion by Mr. Tallmadge,

Ordered, That the petition of David Welch, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Smith, of Indiana, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 86) to apply certain alternate sections of the public domain toward the completion of works of internal improvement in the State of Michigan, and for other purposes, reported it with an amendment; which was read

Mr. Smith also submitted a report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Merrick, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom were referred the resolutions of the Legislature of Vermont, the report from the Postmaster General of the 9th instant, and resolutions of the Legislatures of New Hampshire and Ohio, reported a bill (S. 89) to reduce the rates of postage, and a bill (S. 90) to limit the use, and correct the abuse, of the franking privilege; which were severally read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Berrien, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 616) to transfer to the trustees of Centre College, in Ken-

tucky, the lands heretofore granted to the Kenucky Asylum for teaching the deaf and dumb, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Berrien, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Jonathan T. Hudson, reported a bill (S 91) to settle the title to the Pea Patch island, in the river Delaware; which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Crittenden, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of the widow of Lieutenant Colonel Alexander R. Thompson, reported a bill (S. 92) for the relief of Mary W. Thompson, widow of the late Lieutenant Colonel Thompson, of the army of the United States; which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Crittenden also submitted a report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Conrad,

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of the Treasury of the 6th instant, in relation to the refunding of moneys to claimants for land sold in the Greensburg (late St. Helena) land district, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Williams, from the committee, reported against printing the proceedings of a meeting of citizens of Ohio county, Virginia, in favor of the issue of Government stock, and the petition of Joseph Smith; and

The report was concurred in.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report from the Committee on Pensions, on the petition of Jonathan Brown; and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be rejected.

The bills received yesterday from the House of Representatives were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That bill numbered 544 be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads; that bill numbered 630 be referred to the Committee on Finance; and that bill numbered 671 be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H. R. 412) for the relief of Teakle Savage, administrator of Bolitha Laws; and,

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee of Claims.

The bill (S. 59) to extend the time of the payment of a judgment against the Planters' Bank of Mississippi, and the Agricultural Bank of Mississippi, and for other purposes, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title be "An act for the relief of the Planters' Bank of Mississippi, and the Agricultural Bank of Mississippi."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bill (S. 69) to amend the charter of the town of Alexandria having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that its title be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bill (S. 70) for the relief of Richard Henry Wilde having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time.

On the question, "Shall this bill pass?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 24, Nays, ... 15.

On motion by Mr. Tappan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Berrien, Calhoun, Clayton, Conrad, Crittenden, Evans, Graham, Henderson, Huntington, Kerr, McDuffie, Mangum, Merrick, Miller, Phelps, Rives, Simmons, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Walker.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs, Allen, Benton, Buchanan, Crafts, Fulton, King, Linn, McRoberts, Sevier, Smith of Connecticut, Sturgeon, Tappan, Williams, Wright, Young.

So it was

Resolved, That the said bill pass, and that the title be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Williams, from the committee, reported that they had examined, and found duly enrolled,

An act (H. R. 319) for the relief of Samuel Hambleton;

An act (H. R. 427) for the relief of the administrator of John Jackson.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Clarke, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill from the Senate (S 76) to revive the act for the relief of Mary Tucker.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The President pro tempore signed the two enrolled bills last reported to have been examined; and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (S. 22) to authorize the adoption of measures for the occupation and settlement of the Territory of Oregon, for extending certain portions of the laws of the United States over the same, and for other purposes; and, after debate,

On motion by Mr. King,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to morrow.

After the consideration of executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 25, 1843.

Mr. Huntington presented the petition of the widow and children of Joshua Raymond, deceased, praying a pension for his services in the revolutionary war, and indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Bates presented a petition of citizens of West Boylston, Massachusetts, praying that provision may be made in all treaties between the United States and foreign Powers, for a peacefnl adjustment of international difficulties; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Buchanan presented a memorial of citizens of Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, remonstrating against the repeal of the bankrupt act; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Crittenden presented a memorial of citizens of Waterford, Ohio, praying the issue of Government stock, based on a pledge of the public domain, as a means of relieving the embarrassments of the country; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Tallmadge presented a memorial of citizens of Elmira, New York, praying the adoption of the plan of a board of exchequer recommended by the Executive; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Bayard presented the memorial of McKean Buchanan, a purser in the navy, praying indemnity for loss sustained in consequence of an order of his commanding officer, forbidding the issue of articles denominated private stores; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Bayard presented the memorial of McKean Buchanan, a purser in the navy, praying to be allowed, in the settlement of his accounts, a commission on certain bills of exchange drawn by him for the benefit of the public service, which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of Balie Peyton; and that it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Graham,

Ordered, That the petition of D. G. Skinner, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Young, from the Committee on Roads and Canals, to whom were referred the resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Maryland, and of the corporation of the city of Washington, reported a joint resolution (S. 5) directing the transfer of the stock held by the United States in the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, to the State of Maryland, and the cities of Washington, Georgetown, and Alexandria, on certain conditions; which was read, and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Bayard, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported a bill (S. 93) concerning the naval peace establishment; which was read, and passed to a second reading.

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 72) for repaving and repairing a portion of Pennsylvania avenue; and,

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Williams, from the committee, reported that they had examined, and found duly enrolled,

An act (S. 60) to re-enact and continue in operation, the several acts now in force for the relief of insolvent debtors of the United States; and

An act (S. 76) to revive the act for the relief of Mary Tucker.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 575) for the relief of John P. Skinner, and the legal representatives of Isaac Green; and, having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed, and the bill read the third time.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 380) for the payment of seven companies of Georgia militia, for services rendered in the years 1840 and 1841; and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 66) for the relief of Charles J. Jenkins and William W. Mann, assignees of John McKinne; and, after debate,

On motion by Mr. Berrien,

Ordered, That it be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Friday next.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (S. 22) to authorize the adoption of measures for the occupation and settlement of the territory of Oregon, for extending certain portions of the laws of the United States over the same, and for other purposes; and, after debate,

On motion by Mr. Linn,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Clarke, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The President of the United States approved and signed, the 20th instant, the following bills and joint resolution:

An act to amend the act establishing a district court of the United States at Wheeling, Virginia;

An act for the relief of Peter Lionberger;

An act for the relief of Burr & Smith;

An act for the relief of Isaac and Thomas S. Winslow;

An act for the relief of Ferdinand Leibert;

An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Captain Samuel Shannon, deceased;

An act for the relief of Joshua Drew;

An act for the relief of Snow Y. Sears;

An act for the relief of Cornelius Wilson and James Canter;

An act for the relief of James M. Morgan;

An act for the relief of Elisha Moreland, William M. Kennedy, Richard G. Kennedy, and Mason E. Lewis;

An act for the relief of John R. Delany;

Joint resolution for the distribution of the catalogues of the library of Congress.

On motion by Mr. Berrien,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 26, 1843.

The honorable Arthur T. Bagby, from the State of Alabama, attended.

Mr. Young presented a petition of citizens of Henry county, Illinois, praying the establishment of a mail-route from Peoria to Fulton city, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Sturgeon presented a petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the repeal of the bankrupt law, and a petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying a modification or repeal of the bankrupt law; which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Sturgeon presented a petition of citizens of Allegany county, Pennsylvania, praying the adoption of the plan of a board of exchequer recommended by the Executive; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams presented a memorial of citizens of Wiscasset, Maine, praying a revision of the commercial treaties and arrangements between the United States and foreign governments; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Allen presented a petition of citizens of Clark county, Ohio, praying an appropriation for the completion of the Cumberland road; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

Mr. Evans presented four memorials of citizens of the State of Maine, praying a revision of the commercial treaties and arrangements between the United States and foreign Governments; which were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Tallmadge presented a memorial of citizens of Dunkirk, New York, remonstrating against the repeal of the bankrupt law; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Graham,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Scott Campbell, and that it be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Allen presented the memorial of Edward Dexter, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Huntington submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to communicate to the Senate a copy of a report made by an officer of the corps of topographical engineers, and on file in the War Department, upon the subject of an iron pile light for Bartlett's reef, in Long Island sound.

Mr. Smith, of Indiana, submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Private Land Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the satisfaction of the claim of Joseph Barron, senior, of Indiana, sole heir of Pierre Barron, who was entitled to four hundred acres of land under the act of Congress of the 29th of August, 1788, and 3d of March, 1791 (see American State Papers, public lands, volume 1); and also of the expediency of satisfying the claim of said Joseph Barron, senior, to a military right for land located on White river, joining the land of Abraham Kuykindall, confirmed by the governor prior to 1806 (see American State Papers, public lands, volume 1, pages 569 and 303).

The President pro tempore signed the two enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be presented to the President of the United States.

Mr. Archer, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 422) for the relief of Edwin Bartlett, late consul of the United States at Lima, in Peru, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Archer, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom were referred the bill (H. R. 526) for the relief of Alexander H. Everett, and the bill (H. R. 421) for the relief of John A. Smith, reported them severally without amendment, and that they ought not to pass.

Mr. Archer, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 420) for the relief of the legal representatives of Daniel Brent, deceased, late consul of the United States at Paris, reported it with an amendment; which was read.

Mr. Graham, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 388) for the relief of Allen Rogers, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Graham, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 525) for the relief of the legal representatives of Francis Pelkicer, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

On motion by Mr. Graham,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H. R. 486) for the relief of Garret Vleit, and that it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Charles G. Ridgely, submitted an adverse report; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Charles L. Williamson, submitted an adverse report; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bayard, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported a bill (S. 94) to amend the act entitled, "An act to reorganize the Navy Department of the United States;" which was read, and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Berrien, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom the subject was referred, by resolution of the 9th instant, reported a bill (S. 95) altering the times of holding the circuit court of the United States for the district of Connecticut; which was read, and passed to a second reading.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of Charles Larrabee; and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the said petition be rejected.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of the widow of William Davis; and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the petition be rejected.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of the widow of Thomas J. Boyd; and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the said petition be rejected.

The following bills were severally read a second time, and considered, as in Committee of the Whole:

S. 74. A bill for the relief of William Russell and others;

S. 75. A bill for the relief of the owners and crew of the schooner Twin; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill (S. 58) for the relief of the West Feliciana Railroad Company, and of the Grand Gulf Railroad and Banking Company, was read a second time, and considered, as in Committee of the Whole; and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills:

H. R. 227. An act for the relief of the owners, master, and crew of the schooner Martha, of Eastport, in the State of Maine;

H. R. 327. An act for the relief of the owners, master, and crew of the schooner Joanna, of Ellsworth, Maine;

H. R. 390. An act for the relief of the owners and crew of the schooner Martha;

H. R. 499. An act for the relief of Samuel Billings, owner of the fishing schooner Lurana; and,

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

Resolved, That they be indefinitely postponed.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The amendment to the bill (H. R. 380) for the payment of seven companies of Georgia militia, for services rendered in the years 1840 and 1841, having been reported by the committee, correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time, as amended.

Resolved, That it pass, with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

The amendment to the bill (H. R. 575) for the relief of John P. Skinner and the legal representatives of Isaac Green, having been reported by the committee, correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time, as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (S. 22) to authorize the adoption of measures for the occupation and settlement of the territory of Oregon, for extending certain portions of the laws of the United States over the same, and for other purposes; and, after debate,

On motion by Mr. Berrien,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 1843.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting copies of the Army Register for the use of the Senate; and the letter was read.

Mr. Porter presented two memorials of citizens of the State of Michigan, remonstrating against the repeal of the bankrupt act; which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Clayton presented resolutions passed by the Legislature of the State of Delaware, urging the retrocession of the Pea Patch island to the State of Delaware, for the purpose of enabling the Supreme Court of the United States to exercise jurisdiction in a suit for the ascertainment of title to the island; which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Buchanan presented a petition of citizens of Washington county, Pennsylvania, praying the repeal of the bankrupt law; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary,

Mr. Wright presented the petition of Patrick Keon, and emigrant to the United States, praying an amendment of the naturalization laws; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Wright presented the petition of H. F. Purmort, praying permission to import a quantity of red cedar timber free of duty; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Wright presented the petition of citizens of Troy, New York, praying the repeal of the bankrupt law; and a petition of citizens of the State of Michigan, remonstrating against the repeal of the bankrupt law; which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Woodbury presented a memorial of citizens of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, praying a revision of the commercial treaties and arrangements between the United States and foreign governments, which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Sturgeon presented a petition of citizens of Allegany county, Pennsylvania, praying the adoption of the plan of a Board of Exchequer recommended by the Executive; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Sturgeon presented the memorial of the Philadelphia Board of Trade, praying an appropriation for the prosecution of the work of the coast survey, and an appropriation for the erection of a new light-house on the Brandywine shoals.

Ordered, That so much of the memorial as relates to the coast survey, be referred to the Committee on Finance, and that so much as relates to the erection of a light house, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Sevier presented a petition of citizens of the State of Arkansas, praying the establishment of a mail route from Helena to Languille post office, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the petition of William Wynn, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Rives presented the memorial of David Irvin and others, praying the right of pre-emption to certain tracts of land in the Territory of Wisconsin; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Wright presented a petition of citizens of Warren county, New York, praying an amendment to the bankrupt law; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Wright presented a petition of citizens of Dunkirk, New York, remonstrating against the repeal of the bankrupt law; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Bayard,

Ordered, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of John Bosworth, and that it be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Bates, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of James Gee, submitted an adverse report; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 531) for the relief of Esther Augur, reported it with an amendment; which was read.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 561) for the relief of Benjamin Truslow, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of the widow of John L. Polerecsky, reported a bill (S. 96) for the

relief of Nancy Polerecsky; which was read, and passed to a second reading.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 372) for the relief of Elizabeth Dawkins; and,

On motion by Mr. Kerr,

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee on Pensions.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 490) for the relief of Barent Stryker; and, no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Linn asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 97) for the relief of Henry M. Shreve, and to authorize the purchase of his patent for the snag-boat; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. McRoberts asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 98) for the relief of Richard Dewitt and Ira J. Price; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

The bill (S. 63) to prevent the employment of private expresses upon mail routes, and for the prevention of frauds upon the revenues of the Post Office Department, was read a second time, and considered, as in Committee of the Whole, and,

On motion by Mr. Linn,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until tomorrow.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 22) to authorize the adoption of measures for the occupation and settlement of the Territory of Oregon, for extending certain portions of the laws of the United States over the same, and for other purposes; and after debate,

On motion by Mr. Archer,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until tomorrow.

On motion by Mr. Archer,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Tappan,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 1843.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting a document prepared by the consul of the United States at Leipsic, in relation to the information required by the resolution of the Senate of the 31st August last; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report from the Secretary of War, in compliance with a resolution of the Senate of the 26th in-

stant, in relation to an iron pile light for Bartlett's Reef, in Long Island Sound; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Huntington, that it be printed,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Evans presented two memorials of citizens of the State of Maine, praying a revision of the commercial treaties and arrangements between the United States and foreign governments.

Mr. Simmons presented a memorial of citizens of the State of Rhode Island, praying a revision of the commercial treaties and arrangements between the United States and foreign Governments.

Mr. Crafts presented a memorial of citizens of the State of Vermont, praying a revision of the commercial treaties and arrangements between the United States and foreign governments.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Evans presented a memorial of citizens of the State of Maine, praying an increase of the duties on imported lumber; which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Miller presented a memorial of citizens of the State of Pennsylvania, praying the issue of Government stock, based on a pledge of the public lands, as a means of relieving the public distress; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dayton presented the memorial of Sarah Williamson, widow of a deceased revolutionary soldier, praying a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Dayton presented a memorial of members of the bar in the State of New Jersey, praying the removal of the terms of the United States District Court from Burlington and New Brunswick to Trenton, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Buchanan presented six memorials of citizens of Philadelphia, praying that Amos Kendall may be remunerated for expenses incurred in defending suits instituted against him by certain mail contractors on account of official acts while Postmaster General; which were referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Bagby presented the petition of Farly D. Thompson, praying to be released from a judgment obtained against him as surety on the bond of a defaulting postmaster; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Berrien presented the memorial of the Central Railroad and Banking Company, praying that certain railroad iron imported for the use of their railroad, and not yet laid down, may be exempted from duties; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Crittenden presented a memorial of citizens of the State of Pennsylvania, praying the issue of Government stock on a pledge of the public lands, as a means of restoring the public credit; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. McDuffie presented a report of a committee of the Legislature of the State of South Carolina, and resolutions which passed that body, on the subject of the existing tariff; which were referred to the Committee on Finance, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. McRoberts presented resolutions passed by the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, in favor of a modification of the tariff, and of the revival of the Independent Treasury; and against direct taxation, and the incorporation of a United States Bank; which were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Simmons presented a resolution passed by the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to procure a reduction of the postage on letters; which was ordered to lie on the table, and to be printed.

Mr. Linn presented a memorial of citizens of Louisville, Kentucky, praying the adoption of measures for the occupation and settlement of the Oregon territory; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Buchanan presented the petition of Samuel Raub, jr. praying the purchase, by the Government, of his invention for preventing explosions of steam boilers; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Linn presented a petition of Ellis Knight and others, citizens of Calais, in the State of Maine, praying the aid and protection of the United States in their proposed settlement in the Oregon territory; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Bates presented a petition of citizens of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, praying the repeal of the bankrupt act; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Williams reported from the committee that they had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 41. An act for the relief of Elizabeth Munroe;

S. 60. An act to re-enact and continue in operation the several acts now in force for the relief of insolvent debtors of the United States;

S. 76. An act to revive the act for the relief of Mary Tucker;

H. R. 319. An act for the relief of Samuel Hambleton;

H. R. 427. An act for the relief of the administrator of John Jackson.

On motion by Mr. Smith, of Connecticut,

Ordered, That Eunice Fox have leave to withdraw her petition and papers on the files of the Senate.

Mr. Graham, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 671) further to continue in force the act for the payment of horses and other property lost in the military service of the United States, reported it with an amendment; which was read.

Mr. Graham, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 588) for the relief of James S. Calhoun, reported it with an amendment; which was read.

Mr. Graham, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 479) for the relief of Richard Rush, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Graham, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 55) for the relief of James Taylor, and for other purposes, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Graham also submitted an adverse report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Graham, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Daniel G. Skinner, of Alabama, reported a bill (S. 99) for his relief; which was read, and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Walker, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the memorial of John Hutchins, reported a bill (S. 100) for his relief; which was read, and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Walker, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred a resolution of the Senate of the 19th December last, reported a bill (S. 101) in relation to the two per cent. fund of the State of Mississippi; which was read, and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Huntington, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 413) for the relief of Charles Gordon, owner of the Schooner Two Sons, and the legal representatives of the crew of said vessel, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Conrad, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of John R. Williams, reported a bill (S. 102) for his relief; which was read, and passed to a second reading.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 525) for the relief of the legal representatives of Francis Pellicer, and

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee of Claims.

The following bills, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, were severally read a third time:

S. 74. A bill for the relief of William Russell and others;

S. 75. A bill for the relief of the owners and crew of the Schooner Twin;

Resolved, That the said bills pass, and that their respective titles be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bill (S. 58) for the relief of the West Feliciana Railroad Company, and of the Grand Gulf Railroad and Banking Company, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed,

On motion by Mr. Buchanan,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 63) to prevent the employment of private expresses upon mail routes, and for the prevention of frauds upon the revenues of the Post Office Department; and, after debate,

On motion by Mr. Linn,

Ordered, That the further consideration of this bill be postponed until tomorrow.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Tyler, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and signed, the 28th instant, the following acts:

S. 41. An act for the relief of Elizabeth Munroe;

S. 76. An act to revive the act for the relief of Mary Tucker;

S. 69. An act to re enact and continue in operation the several acts now in force for the relief of insolvent debtors of the United States.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Clarke, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the following bills of the Senate:

S. 18. An act for the relief of the Steamboat Company of Nantucket;

S. 27. An act for the relief of J. R. Vienne;

S. 65. An act for the relief of Samuel Dicy.

The President of the United States approved and signed, the 28th instant, the following acts:

H. R. 319. An act for the relief of Samuel Hambleton;

H. R. 427. An act for the relief of the administrator of John Jackson.

The House of Representatives have passed the following bills, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

H. R. 579. An act for the relief of John Patton, jr. owner of the fishing Schooner Credit, and the master and crew of said vessel;

H. R. 580. An act for the relief of Abner Lowell and others, owners of the fishing Schooner William;

H. R. 591. An act for the relief of William Ellery, owner of the fishing Schooners Sevo and Ida, both of Gloucester, Massachusetts, and others;

H. R. 592. An act for the relief of John H. Russell and others, as owners, master, and crew of the fishing Schooner Lucy Ann;

H. R. 593. An act for the relief of Mary Broadstreet, Amos Tappan, and others;

H. R. 594. An act for the relief of Knott Martin, 3d, and Arnold Martin, owners of the fishing Schooner Only Son, and others;

H. R. 595. An act for the relief of Barnabas Baker, jr. and others, owners of the fishing Schooner Union, of Dennis, Massachusetts;

H. R. 605. An act for the relief of Joshua Knowles, jr. and others, owners and crew of the fishing Schooner Garnett;

H. R. 647. An act for the relief of John Randolph Clay, late Secretary of Legation of the United States at the court of Vienna;

H. R. 646. An act for the relief of Charles Waldron;

H. R. 648. An act for the relief of Jacob White;

H. R. 653. An act for the relief of George C. Johnston;

H. R. 656. An act for the relief of James Gray;

H. R. 664. An act for the relief of Mrs. Anne W. Angus;

H. R. 665. An act for the relief of Elizabeth Gresham, widow of George Gresham;

H. R. 666. An act for the relief of Elizabeth Powers;

H. R. 667. An act for the relief George A. Winslow;

H. R. 672. An act for the relief of Mary Barry, widow and administratrix of Thomas Barry;

H. R. 673. An act for the relief of Mary Pike, widow of Simeon Pike;

H. R. 674. An act for the relief of Jeremiah Kimball;

H. R. 681. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Robert A. Kelly;

H. R. 683. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Lieutenant William S. Eveleth;

H. R. 691. An act for the relief of the heirs of Philander Smith and James Young;

H. R. 700. An act for the relief of Jacob Miller;

H. R. 701. An act granting a pension to David Munn;

H. R. 702. An act for the relief Samuel Edgecomb;

H. R. 703. An act for the relief of Nancy Wilson;

H. R. 704. An act for relief of D. and T. Wilkinson;

H. R. 705. An act for the relief of Andrew Fisher;

H. R. 706. An act for the relief of Gamaliel E. Smith;

H. R. 707. An act for the relief of William W. Street;

H. R. 708. An act for the relief of Samuel Hoffman;

H. R. 711. An act for the relief of Jane McGuire, widow of Major Thomas McGuire, deceased;

H. R. 712. An act for the relief of Sampson Brown;

H. R. 713. An act for the relief of William Patterson;

H. R. 717. An act to set aside certain reservations of lands, on account of live oak, in the southeastern district of Louisiana;

H. R. 718. An act for the relief of Maria Fowler;

H. R. 719. An act for the relief of the children of Mary Rhinevault, deceased;

H. R. 723. An act for the relief of Richard Sneed;

H. R. 728. An act for the relief of S. and M. Riche;

H. R. 729. An act for the relief of John Hodgkin;

H. R. 731. An act for the relief of Thomas H. Brown;

H. R. 732. An act for the relief of Samuel K. Jennings;

H. R. 734. An act for the relief of Rebecca Guest;

H. R. 736. An act in favor of Frances M. Lewis, widow of William Lewis; and,

H. R. 737. An act in favor of Mary Neale.

The Senate resumed as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 22), to authorize the adoption of measures for the occupation and settlement of the Territory of Oregon, for extending certain portions of the laws of the United States over the same, and for other purposes; and after debate,

On motion by Calhoun,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1843.

Mr. Evans presented the petition of citizens of the State of Maine, praying an increase of the duties on imported lumber; which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Miller presented a petition of Benjamin A. Wood and others, remonstrating against the repeal of the bankrupt law;

Mr. Wright presented a petition of citizens of Windsor, New York, praying the repeal of the bankrupt law; and two petions of citizens of Lockport, New York, remonstrating against the repeal of the bankrupt law;

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Sturgeon presented a memorial of citizens of the State of Pennsylvania, praying the issue of Government stock as a means of restoring the prosperity of the country; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Sturgeon presented a memorial of citizens of Philadelphia, praying that Amos Kendall may be reimbursed expenses incurred in defending a suit instituted against him for official acts as Postmaster General; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Williams presented a memorial of citizens of Portland, in the State of Maine, praying a revision of the commercial treaties and arrangements

between the United States and foreign governments; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Young presented the petition of the legal representatives of Patrick Gray, deceased, praying compensation for a horse killed in the service of the United States; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Young presented the memorial of the city council of Galena, in the State of Illinois, praying the establishment of a port of entry at that city; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Young presented a petition of citizens of Peoria county, Illinois, praying the establishment of a poste route from Peoria to Fulton city, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Young submitted documents in relation to the claim of Aaron Payne to arrears of pension; which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Young submitted documents in relation to the claim of William C. Murphy to arrears of pension; which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Young submitted documents in relation to internal improvements in the State of Illinois; which were referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

On motion by Mr. Young, that they be printed,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Woodbury presented the memorial of Alvin C. Goell, praying compensation for his improvements in the manufacture and mode of projecting rockets; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Kerr submitted additional documents in relation to the claim of Elizabeth Dawkins to a pension; which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Williams presented a resolution passed by the Legislature of the State of Maine, directing the Senators, and requesting Representatives of that State in Congress, to use their exertions to procure the passage of a law to refund to General Andrew Jackson the fine and costs imposed by Judge Hall in 1815, with interest.

Ordered, That it lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Tallmadge presented a memorial of ship owners of New York, praying the construction of a balance floating dry dock at Brooklyn, New York; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The bills received yesterday from the House of Representatives were severally read the the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That bill numbered 647 be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations; that bill numbered 728 be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads; that bill numbered 732 be referred to the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office; that bill numbered 723 be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; that bill numbered 653 be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs; that bill numbered 731 be referred to the Committee on Public Lands; that bills numbered 646, 667, 681, 683, 704, 705, 706, 707, and 729 be referred to the Committee of Claims; that bills numbered 664, 672, 736, and 737 be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs; that bills numbered 708 and 734 be referred to the Committee on Finance; that bills numbered 691 and 717 be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims; that bills numbered 579, 580, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, and 605 be referred to the Committee on Commerce;

and that bills numbered 648, 656, 665, 666, 673, 674, 700, 701, 702, 703, 711, 712, 713, 718, and 719 be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. White, and by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of War, relating to the appointment and compensation of persons in the Indian Department, be printed.

Mr. Bates, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 376) for the relief of Tirzah Hunt, reported it without amendmendment, and that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill, as in Committee of the Whole; and,

On motion by Mr. Bates,

Resolved, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Miller, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was recommitted the bill (S. 72) for repaving and repairing a portion of Pennsylvania Avenue, reported it with an amendment; which was read.

Mr. Miller, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill (S. 103) to extend the charters of the District banks; which was read, and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 559) for the relief of the Stockbridge tribe of Indians, in the Territory of Wisconsin, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the memorial of David Welch, reported a bill (S. 104) granting a pension to David Welch; which was read, and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Miller, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, who were instructed to inquire into the subject, reported a bill (S. 105) relating to the appointment of the Assistant Postmasters General of the United States; which was read, and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Dayton, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill (S. 106) to alter the places of holding the district court of the United States for the District of New Jersey; which was read, and passed to a second reading.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the joint resolution (H. R. 29) to establish agencies for water-rotted hemp; and, no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. McDuffie,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until tomorrow.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 22) to authorize the adoption of measures for the occupation and settlement of the Territory of Oregon, for extending certain portions of the laws of the United States over the same, and for other purposes; and,

On motion by Mr. Rives,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until tomorrow.

Mr. Sprague reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled:

S. 18. An act for the relief of the Steamboat Company of Nantucket;

S. 27. An act for the relief of J. R. Vienne;

S. 65. An act for the relief of Samuel Dicy;

H. R. 380. An act for the payment of seven companies of Georgia militia, for services rendered in the years 1840 and 1841;

H. R. 490. An act for the relief of Barent Stryker;

H. R. 575. An act for the relief of John P. Skinner and the legal representatives of Isaac Green.

On motion by Mr. Evans,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 1, 1843.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate the annual report of the Commissioner of Patents, showing the operations of the Patent Office during the year 1842.

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office.

Mr. Buchanan presented a memorial of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the issue of Government stock, as a means of restoring the prosperity of the country; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Miller presented a petition of H. Naylor and others, in behalf of numerous citizens of the District of Columbia, praying Congress to purchase, and make free of tolls, the bridges across the Eastern branch of the Potomac river; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Sturgeon presented a petition of William Reynolds, jr., and others, praying a modification or repeal of the bankrupt law; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Sturgeon presented a memorial of citizens of Allegany county, Pennsylvania, praying the adoption of the plan of a Board of Exchequer, recommended by the Executive; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Evans,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of John Golder and H. F. Purmont.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Bagby asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 107) for the relief of Jameson and Williamson; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. McRoberts asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 108) to establish a port of entry at the city of Galena in the State of Illinois; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. McRoberts presented a memorial of the mayor and aldermen of the city council of Galena, praying the establishment of a port of entry at that place; which was referred to the same committee.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Merrick asked and obtained leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 6) to provide for the adjustment with foreign countries, by treaty, of the rates of duties upon imports and exports, on principles of just reciprocity; which was read and passed to a second reading.

On motion by Mr. Merrick,

Ordered, That it be printed.

Mr. Merrick, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 545) for the relief of Peters, Moore, and Company, reported it with an amendment; which was read.

Mr. Simmons, from the committee, reported in favor of printing the documents relating to the completion of the Illinois and Michigan canal, and the report was concurred in.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Naval Affairs on the petition of Charles G. Ridgely; and in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be rejected.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Naval Affairs on the petition of James Gee; and in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be rejected.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Naval Affairs on the petition of Charles L. Williamson; and,

On motion by Mr. Miller,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 63) to prevent the employment of private expresses upon mail routes, and for the prevention of frauds upon the revenues of the Post Office Department; and,

On motion by Mr. Linn,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Clarke, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill from the Senate (S. 33) to authorize the Legislatures of the States of Illinois, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Tennessee, to sell the lands heretofore appropriated for the use of schools in those States.

They have rejected the bill from the Senate (S. 84) for the benefit of the Petersburg Railroad Company.

They have concurred in the amendments of the Senate to the following bills:

H. R. 380. An act for the payment of seven companies of Georgia militia, for services rendered in the years eighteen hundred and forty and eighteen hundred and forty-one;

H. R. 575. An act for the relief of John P. Skinner, and the legal representatives of Isaac Green.

They have passed bills of the following titles:

H. R. 519. An act to provide for the payment of the Iowa militia called into service in December, eighteen hundred and thirty-nine;

H. R. 645. An act making appropriations for the support of the army, and of the military academy, and for armories, arsenals, arms, and munitions of war, and surveys for the half calendar year ending the thirtieth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, and for the fiscal year beginning the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, and ending the thirtieth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed six enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 22) to authorize the adoption of measures for the occupation and settlement of the Territory of Oregon, for extending certain portions of

the laws of the United States over the same, and for other purposes, and after debate,

On motion by Mr. Buchanan,

Ordered, That the further consideration of this bill be postponed until to-morrow.

The President pro tempore signed the six enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be laid before the President of the United States.

After the consideration of executive business,

On motion by Mr. Graham,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 2, 1843.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report from the Secretary of the Treasury, showing the operation of the trust funds arising under the treaties with the Chickasaw Indians during the year 1842; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Smith, of Indiana,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate the annual report of the Secretary of War, with statements of appropriations and expenditures for the service of that Department for the year 1842; which was read.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, accompanied by a statement exhibiting the expenses of the national armories and the arms manufactured therein during the year ending September 30, 1842; which was read.

Mr. Bates presented a petition of citizens of Ipswich, Massachusetts, praying the abolition of slavery and the slave-trade in the District of Columbia.

The motion to receive the petition being objected to:

On motion by Mr. Berrien,

Ordered, That the motion to receive the petition lie on the table.

Mr. Bates presented a petition of citizens of Ipswich, Massachusetts, alleging that a majority of the inhabitants of South Carolina and Mississippi are deprived of their liberty, and praying that it may be restored to them.

The motion to receive the petition being objected to:

On motion by Mr. Berrien,

Ordered, That the motion lie on the table.

Mr. Walker presented a memorial of a committee in behalf of a meeting of citizens of Natchez, Mississippi, praying the establishment of a naval armory and dock yard in the vicinity of that city; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Choate presented the petition of Isaac Hall and Thomas Curtis, merchants of Boston, praying the payment of a sum arising from the condemnation of a vessel in the Isle of France, and retained by the consul of the United States at that place; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Conrad presented the petition of F. Denon and others, purchasers of public lands in Louisiana, praying that patents may be issued to them for lands in lieu of those erroneously entered within the limits of a previous grant; which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Sturgeon presented a memorial of citizens of the State of Pennsylvania, praying the issue of Government stock as a means of restoring the prosperity of the country; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Sturgeon presented a petition of Lydia Gillingham and other females of Philadelphia, praying the abolition of slavery and the slave-trade in the District of Columbia.

The motion to receive the petition being objected to:

On motion by Mr. Berrien,

Ordered, That the motion lie on the table.

Mr. Merrick presented the memorial of the Board of Trade of the city of Baltimore, praying a revision of the commercial treaties and arrangements between the United States and foreign governments; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion by Mr. Merrick, that it be printed,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of William Wynn, and that it be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion by Mr. Conrad,

Ordered, That the petition of Charles Dehault Delassus, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Wright,

Ordered, That Elisha Bently have leave to withdraw his petition and papers, on the files of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Linn,

Ordered, That the petition of Henry M. Shreve, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office.

Mr. Smith, of Indiana, presented a resolution passed by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, requesting the Senators and Representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to procure an appropriation for improving the navigation of the Wabash river; also a resolution passed by the General Assembly of Indiana, instructing their Senators, and requesting their Representaties, in Congress to use their exertions to procure an appropriation for completing the harbor at Michigan city; which were referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Smith, of Indiana, presented a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, praying a donation of land to the rangers and militia in the service of the United States, on the western and northwestern frontiers, during the last war with Great Britain; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Calhoun presented the petition of John Sarchet, praying that the tariff may be reduced to a scale of revenue corresponding with the wants of Government; which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

On motion by Mr. Calhoun, that it be printed.

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Bayard submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expendiency of abolishing the system of revenue cutters, and of employing a part of the navy of the United States in that service.

Mr. Graham, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 705) for the relief of Andrew Fisher, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Graham, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 707) for the relief of William W. Street, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Porter, from the Committee on Roads and Canals, to whom was referred the bill (S. 46) making further appropriations for the continuation of the Cumberland road, in the States of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, reported it with an amendment, which was read.

Mr. Porter, from the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office, to whom was referred the bill (S. 6) for the relief of Robert B. Lewis, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Henderson, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the petition of the heirs of William Fisher, reported a bill (S. 109) for their relief; which was read, and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Henderson also submitted a report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Henderson, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Villeneuve Le Blanc, reported a bill (S. 110) to grant a tract of land to Villeneuve Le Blac, in consideration of the benefit derived to the public lands from his services in daming up the mouth of False river; which was read, and passed to a second to a second reading.

Mr. Henderson also submitted a report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the report from the Secretary of the Navy, of the 18th January last, reported a bill (S. 111) respecting the payment of invalid pensions to officers in the naval and marine service of the United States; which was read, and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Williams also submitted a special report on the subject; which was read.

The bills yesterday received from the House of Representatives, were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent; and,

Ordered, That bill numbered 519 be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and that bill numbered 645, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Bayard, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported a joint resolution (S. 7) authorizing the investment of the navy hospital fund; which was read, and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Williams from the committee, reported that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (S. 33) to authorize the Legislatures of the States of Illinois, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Tennessee, to sell the lands heretofore appropri ated for the use of schools in those States.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 63) to prevent the employment of private expresses upon mail routes, and for the prevention of frauds upon the revenues of the Post Office Department; and,

On motion by Mr. Linn,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until tomorrow.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (S. 22) to authorize the adoption of measures for the occupation and settlement of the Territory of Oregon, for extending certain portions of the laws of the United States over the same, and for other purposes; and after debate,

On motion by Mr. Choate,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1843.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, exhibiting, agreeably to law, the names and compensations of the clerks in that Department, during the year 1842; which was read.

Mr. Allen presented a petition of citizens of the State of Ohio, praying an appropriation for the continuation of the Cumberland road in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

Mr. Allen presented a memorial of citizens of Philadelphia, praying that Amos Kendall may be compensated for expenses incurred in defending a suit instituted against him for official acts as Postmaster General; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Evans presented a memorial of citizens of Eastport, Maine, praying a revision of the commercial treaties and arrangements between the United States and foreign governments; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Tallmadge presented the memorial of John H. Sherburne, praying compensation for his agency in effecting a cessation of Indian hostilities in Florida; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Tallmadge presented six memorials of citizens of the State of New York, remonstrating against the repeal of the bankrupt law; which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Wright presented a memorial of the Stockbridge and Munsee tribes of Indians, praying that those of them who are opposed to becoming citizens of the United States may be allowed to remain in their present condition; and that any expenses incident to a change may be borne by the portion who desire it; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Bayard presented a memorial of Samuel Johnson and others, praying the issue of Government stock as a means of restoring the prosperity of the country; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Buchanan presented a petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the repeal of the bankrupt law; which was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Bayard,

Ordered, That Langtry and Jenkins have leave to withdraw their petition and papers on the files of the Senate.

Mr. Benton submitted the following resolution, which was considered by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be instructed to inquire if any, and if any, what legislative measures are necessary to secure to the Shawnee tribe of Indians the payment of interest on monies invested by the United States for the said tribe under the fourth article of the treaty of 1801.

Mr. Benton submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the President be requested, so far as it may be compatible with the public interest, to communicate to the Senate copies of any

remonstrance or protest addressed by General Cass, envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States at the Court of France, to that Government, against the ratification, by France, of the quintuple treaty, and of all correspondence between the Governments of the United States and of France; and of all communications from the said General Cass to his own Government, and from this Government to him, relating thereto, or relating to the late treaty with Great Britain.

On motion by Mr. Kerr,

That the report received the first instant from the Commissioner of Patents, be printed.

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee on Finance, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill (S. 112) to remit, on certain conditions, the duties on railroad iron; which was read and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Bates, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 290) for the relief of John Farnham, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Bates also submitted an adverse report on the subject, which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bates, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 608) for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of William Lomax, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Bates also submitted an adverse report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bates, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 628) for the relief of Jonathan Britton, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Bates also submitted a special report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Berrien, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1) to repeal the bankrupt act, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Berrien, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 614) to repeal the bankrupt act, reported it with amendments, which were read.

Mr. Berrien also submitted a report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Tallmadge,

Ordered, That fifteen hundred copies of the report, in addition to the usual number, be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Sturgeon, from the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 401) for the relief of William Gale, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 664) for the relief of Mrs. Anne W. Angus, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Williams also submitted an adverse report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Bagby asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 113) explanatory of "An act supplemental to the act entitled 'An act to grant pre emption rights to settlers on the public lands,'" approved June 22, 1838, which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Sprague, from the committee, reported that they had this day presented to the President of the United States the following acts:

S. 18. An act for the relief of the Steamboat Company of Nantucket;

S. 27. An act for the relief of J. R. Vienne;

S. 65. An act for the relief of Samuel Dicy;

H. R. 380. An act for the payment of seven companies of Georgia militia for services rendered in the years eighteen hundred and forty and eighteen hundred and forty-one;

H. R. 490. An act for the relief of Barent Stryker;

H. R. 575. An act for the relief of John P. Skinner and the legal representatives of Isaac Green.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (S. 22) to authorize the adoption of measures for the occupation and settlement of the territory of Oregon, for extending certain portions of the laws of the United States over the same, and for other purposes.

On motion by Mr. Conrad,

That it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 22, Nays, ... 24.

On motion by Mr. Linn,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Bagby, Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Berrien, Calhoun, Choate, Conrad, Crafts, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Huntington, McDuffie, Miller, Porter, Rives, Simmons, Sprague, Tallmadge, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Benton, Buchanan, Clayton, Fulton, Henderson, King, Linn, McRoberts, Mangum, Merrick, Phelps, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Smith, of Indiana, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, White, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

On motion by Mr. Archer to amend the bill, by striking out the following words:

"That provision hereafter shall be made by law to secure and grant six hundred and forty acres, or one section of land to every white male inhabitant of the Territory of Oregon, of the age of eighteen years and upward, who shall cultivate and use the same for five consecutive years, or to his heir or heirs-at-law, if such there be, in case of his decease. And to every such inhabitant or cultivator, being a married man, there shall be granted, in addition, one hundred and sixty acres to the wife of said husband, and the like quantity of one hundred and sixty acres to the father for each child under the age of eighteen years he may have, or which may be born within the five years aforesaid: *Provided*, That no sale, alienation, or contract of any kind shall be valid of such lands before the patent is issued therefor; nor shall the same be liable to be taken in execution or bound by any judgment, mortgage, or lien of any kind before the patent is so issued; and all pretended alienations or contracts for alienating such lands made before the issuing of the patents shall be null and void, against the settler himself, his wife, or widow, or against his heirs-at-law, or against purchasers after the issuing of the patents."

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 22, Nays, ... 24.

On motion by Mr. Archer,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Bagby, Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Berrien, Calhoun, Choate, Conrad, Crafts, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Huntington, McDuffie, Miller, Porter, Rives, Simmons, Sprague, Tallmadge, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Benton, Buchanan, Clayton, Fulton, Henderson, King, Linn, McRoberts, Mangum, Merrick, Phelps, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Smith, of Indiana, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, White, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

On the question, "Shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 24,
Nays, ... 22.

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Benton, Buchanan, Clayton, Fulton, Henderson, King, Linn, McRoberts, Mangum, Merrick, Phelps, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Smith, of Indiana, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, White, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Bagby, Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Berrien, Calhoun, Choate, Conrad, Crafts, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Huntington, McDuffie, Miller, Porter, Rives, Simmons, Sprague, Tallmadge, Woodbridge.

The said bill having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1843.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate, a report of the Secretary of War, exhibiting the expenditures of that Department for the last quarter of the year 1842, and for the calendar year 1842, which was read.

On motion by Mr. Evans,

That it be printed.

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate, a report of the Secretary of War, made in compliance with the resolution of the Senate of the 23d of January, relating to a contract with John Grant, for improving the channel of Choctaw Pass, in the harbor of Mobile: which was read.

On motion by Mr. Walker,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Dayton presented a memorial of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the issue of Government stock as a means of relieving the distress of the country: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Evans presented the petition of the widow of Samuel Jones, a deceased revolutionary soldier, praying a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Smith, of Indiana, presented a resolution passed by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to procure the passage of an act granting to the State of Indiana all the unsold lands in the Vincennes land district, for the purpose of completing the Wabash and Ohio canal; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Buchanan presented a petition of citizens of Franklin county, Pennsylvania, praying the repeal of the bankrupt act; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Buchanan presented three petitions of citizens of Philadelphia, praying that Amos Kendall may be reimbursed the expenses incurred in defending a suit brought against him by certain mail contractors on account of official acts while Postmaster General; which were referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Buchanan presented a memorial of citizens of the State of Pennsylvania, praying the issue of Government stock, as a means of relieving the distress of the country; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Buchanan presented a memorial of the Board of Trade of the city of Pittsburg, praying an appropriation for removing the obstructions to the navigation of the Ohio, Mississippi, and other western rivers; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Buchanan presented a memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of the city of Philadelphia, praying that the work of the coast survey may be prosecuted to completion; also, a memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of Philadelphia, praying an appropriation for repairing the piers at Port Penn and Reedy island in the Delaware river; which were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Linn presented a petition of citizens of Missouri, praying the establishment of a post road from Chester, Illinois, to Fredericktown in Missouri; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Linn presented the petition of Richard Phillips, praying the confirmation of his title to a tract of land in the State of Missouri; which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Wright presented a memorial of citizens of Lewis county, New York, praying that provision may hereafter be made by treaty stipulation for the adjustment of difficulties between the United States and foreign powers without a recourse to war; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Huntington presented a petition of citizens of Norwich, Connecticut, praying a reduction of the postage on letters; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Tappan presented a petition of citizens of Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Virginia, praying the establishment of a mail route from Steubenville, Ohio, to Washington, Pennsylvania; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Dayton presented the memorial of William Potts, Robert McNeely, and John Howell, praying to be released from a judgment against them,

and others, as the sureties of James J. Wilson, late postmaster at Trenton; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Sturgeon presented a petition of citizens of Philadelphia, praying that Amos Kendall may be reimbursed the expenses incurred in defending a suit brought against him by certain mail contractors on account of official acts while Postmaster General; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Sturgeon presented a memorial of citizens of Allegany county, Pennsylvania, praying the adoption of the plan of an exchequer, recommended by the Executive; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Sturgeon presented the petition of Josiah W. Kirk, praying the purchase by the Government of his invention for preventing injury to steamboats by snags, or an appropriation for testing its utility; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Young presented the petition of Jacob Waggoner, praying permission to correct an erroneous entry of a tract of a land; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Walker presented a petition of citizens of Harrison county, Mississippi, praying a grant of public land for the establishment of a manual labor school; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Walker submitted additional documents relative to the bill (H. R. 395) for the relief of Gorham A. Worth, one of the sureties of Samuel Edmonds, deceased; which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Sevier submitted a letter signed by John Rogers and other Cherokee Indians known as Western Cherokees, complaining of the injustice of the course pursued by the United States in granting to other Indians lands already ceded to the Cherokees; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Sevier presented a resolution passed by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress, to use their exertions to procure an appropriation for constructing a military road from Fort Smith to Fort Leavenworth, and the establishment of military posts for the defence of that State against Indian hostilities; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Conrad presented the petition of George E. Payne, representative of Brinton Payne, deceased, late an officer in the revolutionary army, praying to be allowed the half pay to which the deceased was entitled for his military services; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Williams presented a resolution passed by the Legislature of the State of Maine, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress, to use their exertions to procure the repeal of the bankrupt law.

Ordered, That it lie on the table, and be printed.

On motion by Mr. Bayard,

Ordered, That the petition of Thomas L. Ragsdale, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Crittenden,

Ordered, That the heirs of James Sympson have leave to withdraw their petition and papers on the files of the Senate.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 645) making appropriations for the support of the army, and of the military academy, and for armories, arsenals, arms and munitions of war, and surveys, for the half calendar year ending the 30th day of June, 1843, and for the fiscal year beginning the first day July, 1843, and ending the 30th day of June, 1844, reported it with amendments; which were read, and ordered to printed.

Mr. Berrien, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 199) to change the place of holding the circuit and district courts in the district of Maine, reported it without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Berrien,

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to consider the said bill, and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Conrad, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Roby, reported a bill (S. 114) for his relief; which was read, and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Conrad also made a report thereon; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Archer,

That the vote of the Senate on the passage of the bill (S. 22) to authorize the adoption of measures for the occupation and settlement of the Territory of Oregon, for extending certain portions of the laws of the United States over the same, and for other purposes, be reconsidered.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the consideration of the motion be postponed until tomorrow.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Clarke, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill (S. 69) to amend the charter of the town of Alexandria; and the bill (S. 38) for the relief of William De Buys, postmaster at New Orleans, with an amendment, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They have passed bills of the following titles:

H. R. 483. An act for the relief of William Selden, Treasurer of the United States;

H. R. 639. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of William T. Smith;

H. R. 661. An act making appropriations for pensions for the half calendar year, beginning the first day of January, and ending the thirtieth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-three; and for the fiscal year beginning the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, and ending the thirtieth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four;

H. R. 686. An act granting a quantity land for the improvement of Grant river, at the town of Potosi, in Wisconsin Territory;

H. R. 693. An act providing for the settlement of the claims for supplies furnished the Florida militia;

H. R. 725. An act for the relief of Thomas Weaver and Jacob Heyberger, sureties of the Norristown and Valley Railroad company;

H. R. 733. An act for the relief of John Skirving;

H. R. 739. An act for the relief of John McGinnis, a soldier in the late war;

H. R. 741. An act to confirm Elizabeth Burriss, her heirs or assigns, in their title to a tract of land;

H. R. 742. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of John Peters, deceased;

H. H. 743. An act for the relief of certain companies of Michigan militia;

H. R. 753. An act for the relief of Seth Sweetser;

H. R. 754. An act for the relief of Hannah Jenkins, widow of James Jenkins, deceased;

H. R 755. An act granting a pension to John Carey, a free man of color;

H. R. 756. An act for the relief of Patrick Masterson;

H. R. 761. An act to allow a pension to Nancy Williams, widow of David Williams, who was one of the captors of Major Andre;

And they have passed a joint resolution (H. R. 21) for the relief of Benjamin Ogle Tayloe; in which bills and joint resolution they request the concurrence of the Senate.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Tyler, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States this day approved the following acts:

An act for the relief of the Steamboat company of Nantucket;

An act for the relief of Samuel Dicy;

An act for the relief of J. R. Vienne.

On motion by Mr. Tallmadge,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (S. 3) amendatory of the several acts establishing the Treasury Department; and after debate,

On motion by Mr. Miller,

Ordered, That the further consideration of this bill be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion by Miller,

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to consider the bill (S. 72) for repaving and repairing a portion of Pennsylvania avenue, and, having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 63) to prevent the employment of private expresses upon mail routes, and for the prevention of frauds upon the revenues of the Post Office Department; and after debate,

On motion by Mr. Choate,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 7, 1843.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting seventy-five copies of the Naval Register for the use of the Senate; which was read.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, accompanied by abstracts of the returns of the militia of the

States and Territories, with their arms, accoutrements, and ammunition; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Evans that it be printed,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Navy, made agreeably to law, showing the amount appropriated for the naval service for the year 1842; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Evans that it be printed,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

The President pro tempore submitted a report from the Secretary of the Senate, accompanied by a letter from the Secretary of the Territory of Florida, communicating, in compliance with the act of 18th June, 1834, copies of the acts passed by the Legislative Council of that Territory; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Tallmadge presented four memorials of citizens of the State of New York, praying the adoption of the plan of a Board of Exchequer recommended by the Executive; which were ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Woodbridge presented a memorial of citizens of the State of Michigan, praying an apppropriation for completing the harbor at the mouth of the St. Joseph river; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Woodbridge submitted a decument exhibiting the condition of the commerce on Lake Michigan, and the necessity of constructing habors for its protection and security.

On motion by Mr. Woodbridge that it be printed,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Sturgeon presented a memorial of citizens of Alleghany county, Pennsylvania, praying the adoption of the plan of a Board of Exchequer recommended by the Executive; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Archer presented the petition of the legal representatives of George Mayo, deceased, praying compensation for his services as a clerk in the Post Office Department; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. McDuffie submitted the following resolutions for consideration, which were ordered to be printed:

1. *Resolved*, That it is the solemn and urgent duty of the present Congress to adopt, without delay, efficient measures to revive the crippled and decaying commerce, replenish the impoverished exchequer, and arrest the alarming accumulation of the public debt of the United States.

2. *Resolved*, That a modification of the existing tariff on foreign imports, such as will render it strictly and in good faith a mere revenue measure, is indispensable to the accomplishment of these objects, and that the recent measures of the British Parliament partially adopting the principles of free trade, the public indications of a disposition on the part of the present ministry to extend those principles still further, and the probability of a speedy organization of an extensive system of smuggling on the long line of our frontier, furnish pressing motives to Congress for acting on the subject during the present session.

3. *Resolved*, That a rigid system of retrenchment, economy, and accountability, such as will bring the annual expenditures within the annual income of the Government, is not less indispensable; and that while this is rendered necessary by the deplorable state of the public finances, it is rendered just and not injurious to the public service by the great reduction of the currency and consequent appreciation of the value of money.

On motion by Mr. Young,

Ordered, That John W. Skidmore have leave to withdraw his petition and papers on the files of the Senate.

Mr. Smith, of Indiana, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 731) for the relief of Thomas H. Brown, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Merrick, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom the following bills were referred:

H. R. 544. An act to authorize the chief clerk in the office of the Secretary of State to frank public and official documents sent from that office;

H. R. 728. An act for the relief of S. and M. Rich; reported them severally without amendment.

Mr. Walker, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 19) to perfect the titles to lands south of the Arkansas river, held under New Madrid locations and pre emption rights under the act of 1814, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Walker, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 44) to confirm the survey and location of claims for lands in the State of Mississippi east of Pearl river, and south of the 31st degree of north latitude, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Graham, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 704) for the relief of D. and J. Wilkinson, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Graham also submitted an adverse report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Simmons, from the Committee on Printing, reported in favor of printing the following subjects:

Report of the Commissioner of Patents, presented the 1st instant;

Report of the Secretary of the Senate, showing the expenditures from the contingent fund; and,

Ordered, That they be printed.

On motion by Mr. Kerr,

Ordered, That one thousand copies of the report of the Commissioner of Patents, exclusive of the list of patents, in addition to the usual number, be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Bagby, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 115) for the relief of C. E. Sherman; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and, with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Walker asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 116) for the preservation of the collections of natural curiosities furnished by the exploring squadron, and from other sources; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and, with the accompanying document, referred to the Committee on the Library.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 38) for the relief of William De Buys, postmaster at New Orleans; and,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

The bills received from the House of Representatives the 6th instant were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent; and,

Ordered, That the bill numbered 753 be referred to the Committee on

Foreign Relations; that the bills numbered 483 and 661 be referred to the Committee on Finance; that the bills numbered 693 and 743 be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs; that the bill numbered 725 be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; that the bill numbered 686 be referred to the Committee on Public Lands; that the bills numbered 739, 741, and 742, be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims; that the bills numbered 754, 755, 756, and 761, be referred to the Committee on Pensions; that the bill numbered 639 be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims; that the bill numbered 733 be referred to the Committee on Public Buildings, and the resolution numbered 21 be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

The following bills were severally read the second time, and considered, as in Committee of the Whole:

S. 95. A bill altering the times of holding the circuit court of the United States for the district of Connecticut;

S. 106. A bill to alter the places of holding the district court of the United States for the district of New Jersey; and, no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be engrossed, and read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 19) to perfect the titles to land south of the Arkansas river, held under New Madrid locations and pre-emption rights under the act of 1814; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 397) for the relief of the representatives of Alexander Macomb, Robert Jennings, and the heirs and legal representatives of James Roddy, deceased, sureties of Samuel Champlin, late a paymaster in the army of the United States; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 541) for the relief of Dexter and Hungerford, of Watertown, Jefferson county, New York; and,

On motion by Mr. Tallmadge,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion by Mr. Archer, to reconsider the vote on the passage of the bill (S. 22) to authorize the adoption of measures for the occupation and settlement of the Territory of Oregon; for extending certain portions of the laws of the United States over the same, and for other purposes; and,

On the question to agree thereto:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 24,
Nays, ... 24.

On motion by Mr. Linn,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Berrien, Calhoun, Choate, Conrad, Crafts, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Huntington, Kerr, McDuffie, Mangum, Miller, Porter, Rives, Simmons, Sprague, Tallmadge, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Benton, Buchanan, Clayton, Fulton, Henderson, King, Linn, McRoberts, Merrick, Morehead, Phelps, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Smith, of Indiana, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

So,

The motion to reconsider was not agreed to.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 63) to prevent the employment of private expresses upon mail routes, and for the prevention of frauds upon the revenues of the Post Office Department;

The following amendment, proposed by Mr. Merrick, being under consideration: Add to the bill the following section:

"SEC. *And be it further enacted, That 'mailable matter,' and matter properly transmittable by mail, shall be deemed and taken to mean, all letters and newspapers, and all magazines and pamphlets periodically published, and all written and printed matter whereof each copy or edition shall not exceed one pound in weight; but bound books of any size shall not be held to be included within the meaning of these terms. And any packet or packets of whatever size, being made up of any such mailable matter, shall subject all persons concerned in transporting the same to all the penalties of this law equally as if it or they were not so made up into a packet or packages.*"

A motion was made by Mr. Porter, to amend the amendment by striking out the following words: "And newspapers, and all magazines periodically published;" and,

A division of the question was called for by Mr. Miller; and being taken on so much of the amendment to the amendment, as proposed to strike out the words "and newspapers,"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 11, Nays, ... 27.

On motion by Mr. Merrick,

The yeas and nays being desired by one fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Bates, Crafts, Huntington, Phelps, Porter, Smith, of Connecticut, Smith, of Indiana, Tallmadge, Wilcox, Woodbridge, Woodbury.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Barrow, Bayard, Benton, Calhoun, Clayton, Conrad, Dayton, Fulton, Graham, Henderson, Kerr, King, Linn, McDuffie, McRoberts, Mangum, Merrick, Miller, Morehead, Sevier, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Wright, Young.

On the question to agree to so much of the amendment to the amendment as proposed to strike out the words, "and all magazines and pamphlets periodically published,"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 13, Nays, ... 24.

On motion by Mr. Merrick,

The yeas and nays being desired by one fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Bates, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Huntington, Morehead, Phelps, Porter, Smith, of Connecticut, Smith, of Indiana, Wilcox, Woodbridge, Woodbury.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Barrow, Bayard, Benton, Buchanan, Calhoun, Clayton, Crafts, Fulton, Henderson, Kerr, King, Linn, McDuffie, McRoberts, Mangum, Merrick, Sevier, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Wright, Young.

So,

The amendment proposed by Mr. Porter to the amendment of Mr. Merrick was disagreed to.

The amendment of Mr. Merrick, having been amended, on the motion of Mr. Woodbury, was then agreed to; and the bill, having been further amended, was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed, and read a third time.

The following bills having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, were severally read the third time:

S. 19. Bill to perfect the titles to lands south of the Arkansas river, held under New Madrid locations and pre-emption rights, under the act of 1814;

S. 72. Bill for repaving and repairing a portion of Pennsylvania Avenue;

S. 95. Bill altering the times of holding the circuit court of the United States for the District of Connecticut;

S. 106. Bill to alter the places of holding the district court of the United States for the District of New Jersey.

Resolved, That the said bills pass, and that their respective titles be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 544) to authorize the chief clerk in the office of the Secretary of State to frank public and official documents sent from that office; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 8, 1843.

Mr. Buchanan presented a memorial of merchants and others in the city of Philadelphia, praying the establishment of a line of packets between the United States and Chagres, and an overland mail to Panama; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Buchanan presented the petition of Elizabeth McClenathan, widow of a deceased revolutionary soldier, praying a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Clarke, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 768) to fix the compensation of the Commissioner of Public Buildings; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate;

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill (S. 33), I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives have passed a resolution (H. R. 35) presenting the thanks of Congress to Samuel T. Washington, for the service sword of George Washington, and the staff of Benjamin Franklin: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. The sword and staff accompany the resolution.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution (H. R. 35) presenting the thanks of Congress to Samuel T. Washington for the service sword of George Washington, and the staff of Benjamin Franklin; and,

Resolved, unanimously, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion by Mr. Archer,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 9, 1843.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied by papers relating to the policy of establishing a warehouse system; which was read, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. McDuffie submitted an additional document in relation to the claim of the executor of Thomas Galpin; which, with his petition on the files of the Senate, was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Woodbridge presented two letters from Edward Curtis, collector of the port of New York, in relation to certain documents presented by the Chamber of Peers of France to Congress.

Mr. Woodbridge submitted the following resolution, which was considered by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the communications of Edward Curtis, Esq., collector at New York, concerning a case of books and public documents forwarded to the Senate of the United States by the House of Peers of the kingdom of France, be referred to the Joint Committee on the Library, and that the said committee be authorized to deposit the said books and public documents, when they shall arrive, in the Library of Congress.

Mr. King presented a resolution passed by the Legislature of the State of Alabama, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress, to use their exertions to procure the passage of an act to authorize the registers and receivers of public moneys, at the land offices in the State of Alabama, to receive from settlers on public lands, in payment of their purchases, bills of the bank of that State, to an amount equal to the two per cent. fund relinquished to the State by the United States, yet remaining unpaid; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Crittenden presented two memorials of citizens of the State of Pennsylvania, praying the issue of Government stock as a means of relieving the distress of the country; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Woodbridge presented a resolution passed by the Legislature of the State of Michigan, requesting the Senators and Representatives of that State in Congress, to endeavor to obtain an appropriation for constructing a military road from Saginaw to Mackinaw; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

Mr. Fulton presented a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, praying the establishment of a naval depot and navy-yard at Memphis, Tennessee; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Crittenden presented a memorial of citizens of Hardin county, Kentucky, praying the repeal of the bankrupt law; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Miller presented a memorial of citizens of Warren county, New Jersey, praying the repeal of the bankrupt act; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. King submitted the following resolution, which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation for the construction of a building in the city of Mobile, for the accommodation of the district court; or for the repair of the room connected with the customhouse, heretofore used for that purpose.

Mr. Linn submitted the following resolution, which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War, be requested to send to the Senate, a copy of General Jackson's letter to the War Department, dated Nashville, September 5, 1815, with a copy also of the paper transmitted by the General, and signed by certain officers, justifying the declaration of martial law, and his other acts having for their object the defence and safety of New Orleans.

Mr. Williams, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

S. 69. An act to amend the charter of the town of Alexandria;

H. R. 199. An act to change the place of holding the circuit and district courts in the district of Maine;

H. R. 544. An act to authorize the chief clerk in the office of the Secretary of State to frank public and official documents sent from that office.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Clarke, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 659) making appropriations for the naval service for the half calendar year beginning the first day of January, and ending the 30th day of June, 1843, and for the fiscal year beginning the first day of July, 1843, and ending the 30th day of June, 1844; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The President of the United States approved and signed the 4th instant the following acts:

An act for the relief of Barent Stryker;

An act for the relief of John P. Skinner, and the legal representatives of Isaac Green;

An act for the payment of seven companies of Georgia militia for services rendered in the years eighteen hundred and forty and eighteen hundred and forty-one.

On motion by Mr. Bagby,

Ordered, That the memorial of Jamison and Williamson on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Simmons, from the Committee on Printing, reported against printing the memorial of John Sarchet, and the memorial of the Board of Trade of the city of Baltimore, presented the 2d instant; and,

The report was concurred in.

Mr. Simmons, from the Committee on Printing, reported in favor of printing the following subjects:

Documents relating to the construction of harbors on Lake Erie;

Report of the Secretary of War on a light for Bartlett's reef;

Report of the Secretary of War, with militia returns;

Report of the Secretary of War on the contingent expenses of that Department;

Report of the Secretary of the Navy, showing the appropriations for the naval service for the year 1842; and,

Ordered, That they be printed, with the diagram accompanying the report on the light for Bartlett's reef.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 661) making appropriations for pensions for the half calendar year beginning the 1st day of January, and ending the 31st day of June, 1843; and for the fiscal year beginning the 1st day of July, 1843, and ending the 30th day of June, 1844; reported it without amendment.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was recommitted the resolution (S. 2) authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to settle on certain terms the liabilities of the sureties of Gordon D. Boyd, late receiver of public moneys at Columbus, Mississippi, reported it with an amendment; which was read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Barrow, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom were referred sundry memorials, praying the improvement of the Mississippi river, and its principal tributaries, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 117) to provide for the improvement of the navigation of the Mississippi river, and its tributaries.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered. That the report be printed.

Mr. Smith, of Indiana, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 486) for the relief of Garret Vleit, reported it with an amendment; which was read.

Mr. Smith, of Indiana, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 98) for the relief of Richard Dewitt and Ira J. Price, reported it with an amendment; which was read.

Mr. Smith, of Indiana, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill (S. 118) for the relief of Jacob Waggoner; which was read, and passed to the second reading.

On motion by Mr. Smith, of Indiana,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of David Irwin and others; and that the memorialists have leave to withdraw their memorial.

Mr. Huntington, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom the following bills were referred:

H. R. 228. An act for the relief of the owners, master, and crew of the Codhook, of Blue Hill, Maine;

H. R. 326. An act for the relief of Levi Eldridge and others;

H. R. 391. An act for the relief of the owners of the schooner Three Brothers;

H. R. 579. An act for the relief of John Patten, jr., owner of the fishing schooner Credit, and the master and crew of said vessel;

H. R. 580. An act for the relief of Abner Lowell and others, owners of the fishing schooner William;

H. R. 591. An act for the relief of William Ellery, owner of the fishing schooners Sevo and Ida, both of Gloucester, Massachusetts, and others;

H. R. 592. An act for the relief of John H. Russell and others, as owners, masters, and crew of the fishing schooner Lucy Ann;

H. R. 593. An act for the relief of Mary Broadstreet, Amos Tappan, and others;

H. R. 595. An act for the relief of Barnabas Baker, jr., and others, owners of the fishing schooner Union, of Dennis, Massachusetts;

H. R. 605. An act for the relief of Joshua Knowles, jr., and others, owners and crew of the fishing schooner Garnet; reported them severally without amendment, and submitted an adverse report in each case; which reports were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Huntington, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the petition of Isaac Hall and Thomas Curtis, submitted an adverse report; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Huntington, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 594) for the relief of Knott Martin and Arnold Martin, owners of the fishing schooner Only Son, and others, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Huntington, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 85) authorizing the appointment of an assistant collector at Bangor, in the colletion district of Belfast, Maine, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Huntington, from the Committee on Commerce, who were instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing the export of foreign merchandise by land as well as sea, in origiual packages, with benefit of drawback, submitted a report, which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Huntington, from the Committee on Commerce, who were instructed, by a resolution of the Senate of the 27th December, to inquire into the state of the tonnage, freights, and commerce of the United States; and to whom memorials praying a revision and modification of the commercial treaties were referred, submitted a report; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Graham, from the Committee of Claims, to whom the following bills were referred:

H. R. 412. An act for the relief of Teackle Savage, administrator of Bolitha Laws;

H. R. 525. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Francis Pellicer; reported them without amendment, and that they ought not to pass.

Mr. Graham, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 683) for the relief of the legal representatives of Lieutenant William S. Evelith, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Graham, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 483) for the relief of William Selden, Treasurer of the United States, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Henderson, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom the following bills and resolution were referred:

H. R. 691. An act for the relief of the heirs of Philander Smith and James Young;

H. R. 717. An act to set aside certain reservations of lands, on account of live oak, in the southeastern district of Louisiana;

H. R. 23. Resolution directing certain papers relating to titles to land in Louisiana to be returned to the General Land Office; reported them severally without amendment.

Mr. Henderson, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the petition of William Wynn, submitted a report; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred a memorial of McKean Buchanan, praying indemnification for certain losses, submitted an adverse report; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred a memorial of McKean Buchanan, praying the allowance of commissions on certain bills of exchange, submitted an adverse report; which was ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Williams,

Ordered, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of Thomas L. Ragsdale, and that the memorialist have leave to withdraw his memorial.

Mr. Benton, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 653) for the relief of George E. Johnson, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Benton, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of John Moore, reported a bill (S. 119) for his relief; which was read, and passed to a second reading.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate of the 22d August, 1842, in relation to the light at the southwest pass of the river Mississippi; which was read, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The President pro tempore signed the enrolled bill (S. 33) reported to have been examined the 2d instant.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Tappan asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 120) to repeal the act to amend the act of the 10th of March 1838, entitled, "An act to change the time of holding the circuit and district courts in the district of Ohio," approved June 1, 1842; which was read and passed to the second reading.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Benton the 3d instant, relating to the correspondence on the subject of the quintuple treaty; and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions submitted by Mr. McDuffie the 7th February; and,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and be the order of the day for Monday the 13th instant.

The bill (H. R. 768) to fix the compensation of the Commissioner of Public Buildings, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

The bill (H. R. 659) making appropriations for the naval service for the

half calendar year beginning the first day of January, and ending the 30th day of June, 1843, and for the fiscal year beginning the first day of July, 1843, and ending the 30th day of June, 1844, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 483) for the relief of William Selden, Treasurer of the United States, together with the amendment reported thereto; and the amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the resolution (H. R. 29) to establish agencies for water-rotted hemp; and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Bagby, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

On the question, "Shall the amendment be engrossed, and the resolution read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 27; Nays. . . . . 17.

On motion by Mr. Bagby,

The yeas and nays being desired by one fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Benton, Berrien, Buchanan, Clayton, Crafts, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Huntington, Linn, McRoberts, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Porter, Simmons, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Tallmadge, White, Woodbridge, Young.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Calhoun, Fulton, Henderson, King, McDuffie, Rives, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright.

So it was

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed, and the resolution read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 661) making appropriations for pensions for the half calendar year beginning the first day of January, and ending the 30th day of June, 1843; and for the fiscal year beginning the first day of July, 1843, and ending the 30th day of June, 1844; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill (H. R. 397) for the relief of the representatives of Alexander Macomb, Robert Jennings, and the heirs and legal representatives of James Roddy, deceased, sureties of Samuel Champlin, late a paymaster in the army of the United States, was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The amendment to the resolution (H. R. 29) to establish agencies for water-rotted hemp, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the resolution was read a third time as amended.

Resolved, That this resolution pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

The bill (S. 63) to prevent the employment of private expresses upon mail routes, and for the prevention of frauds upon the revenues of the Post Office Department, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that its title be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 568) for the relief of John Gerard Ford.

On motion by Mr. Buchanan,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills:

H. R. 414. An act for the relief of Arvin Prentiss, of Stonington, Connecticut, owner of the schooner Lilly, and the crew of said vessel;

H. R. 415. An act for the relief of Isaac Champlin and others, owners of schooner Buffalo; and,

Resolved, That they be postponed indefinitely.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 471) for the relief of Caspar W. Wever; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a second reading.

On motion by Mr. Bayard,

Ordered, That the following bills and resolution be the special order of the day for Saturday the 11th instant:

S. 52. Bill providing for the establishment of a school of instruction in the navy of the United States;

S. 82. Bill for the augmentation of the marine corps, and for other purposes;

S. 93. Bill concerning the naval peace establishment;

S. 94. Bill to amend the act entitled, "An act to reorganize the Navy Department of the United States;"

S. 111. Bill respecting the payment of invalid pensions to officers in the naval and marine service of the United States;

S. 7. Resolution authorizing the investment of the navy hospital fund.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 10, 1843.

Mr. Tallmadge presented the memorial of M. R. Bartlett, praying that the patronage of the General Government may be given to the publication of a work on the diseases of cattle and the cultivation of fruit trees; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Buchanan presented a memorial of citizens of the State of Pennsylvania, praying the issue of Government stock, as a means of restoring the prosperity of the country; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Woodbridge presented a memorial of inhabitants of Grand River valley, in the State of Michigan, praying an appropriation for the construction of a harbor at the mouth of Grand river; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Woodbridge presented a petition of citizens of Michigan, praying the discontinuance of a portion of the military road constructed by the United States in the county of Oakland, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

Mr. Woodbridge presented the petition of Lewis Lambert, praying to be allowed interest on money paid for public land and afterwards refunded, in consequence of the inability of the United States to issue a patent therefor; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Smith, of Indiana, presented a resolution passed by the General Assembly of Indiana, requesting the Senators and Representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to procure an appropriation for improving the navigation of the Mississippi, Ohio, Wabash, and other western rivers; which was ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

Mr. Smith, of Indiana, presented a resolution passed by the General Assembly of Indiana, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to procure an appropriation in public land or money for improving the Grand Rapids of the Wabash river; which was ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

Mr. Smith, of Indiana, presented a resolution passed by the General Assembly of Indiana, instructing the Senators and requesting the representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to effect the adoption of measures for the occupation and settlement of the Oregon Territory, and the establishment of military posts and fortifications for its defence; which was ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

Mr. Smith, of Indiana, presented a resolution passed by the General Assembly of Indiana, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to procure the establishment of an agency in Louisville, Kentucky, for the purchase of water-rotted hemp; which was ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

Mr. Smith, of Indiana, presented a petition of settlers on the public lands in the State of Indiana, praying the right of pre-emption to certain lands; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Dayton presented a memorial of proprietors and managers of steamboats plying to and from the city of New York, praying an amendment of the act of July 7, 1838, relating to steamboats; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Dayton presented a petition of citizens of Trenton, New Jersey, praying the establishment of a Board of Exchequer for regulating the currency of the country; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Woodbury presented the petition of Phineas Bennet and Nahum Andrews, praying the passage of a law to exempt from duty the cargoes of certain wrecked vessels; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Linn presented a resolution passed by the General Assembly of Missouri, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to effect the adoption of measures for the immediate occupation and settlement of the Oregon Territory by the United States; which was ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

Mr. McRoberts presented a resolution passed by the General Assembly of Illinois, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to effect the adoption of measures for the immediate occupation and settlement of the Oregon Territory by the United States; which was ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

Mr. Sevier, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 648) for the relief of Jacob White, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Graham, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of the legal representatives of Richard Harris and Nimrod Farrow, submitted an adverse report, which was ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Graham,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Israel Ketchum.

Mr. Miller, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the memorial of the president and directors of the Georgetown college, reported a bill (S. 121) to incorporate Georgetown college, in the District of Columbia; which was read and passed to the second reading.

On motion by Mr. Clayton,

Ordered, The Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H. R. 725) for the relief of Thomas Weaver and Jacob Heyberger, sureties of the Norristown and Valley Railroad Company; and that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Huntington, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 108) to establish a port of entry at the city of Galena, in the State of Illinois, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Bagby, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 656) for the relief of James Gray, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Benton, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom the documents relating to the claim of F. A. Kerr were referred, reported a bill (S. 122) for his relief; which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Benton, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of the executor of William W. Walker, reported a bill (S. 123) for the relief of the legal representatives of William W. Walker; which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Bates, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom were referred the following bills:

H. R. 713. An act for the relief of William Patterson;

H. R. 613. An act for the relief of Elizabeth Whiteman;

H. R. 712. An act for the relief of Sampson Brown; reported them severally, without amendment.

Mr. Bates also submitted an adverse report in each case; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bates, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R 529) for the relief of Elizabeth Hillsman, reported it without amendment, and submitted a special report on the subject.

The Senate procceded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and,

On motion by Mr. Bates,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Young, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 124) for the relief of John W. Skidmore; which was read the first and second times by unanimous consent; and, with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Barrow, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a resolution (S. R. 8) to authorize an experiment to test the utility of an invention of Josiah W. Kirks; which was read, and passed to the second reading.

The amendment to the bill (H. R. 483) for the relief of William Selden, Treasurer of the United States, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended, and the title was amended.

Resolved, That the bill pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The following bills were severally read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole:

S. 101. A bill in relation to the two per cent. fund of the State of Mississippi;

S. 109. A bill for the relief of the heirs of William Fisher; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bills having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, were severally read a third time by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That they pass, and that their respective titles be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bill (H. R. 471) for the relief of Caspar W. Wever was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 645) making appropriations for the support of the army and of the Military Academy, and for armories, arsenals, arms, and munitions of war, and surveys for the half calendar year ending the 30th day of June, 1843, and for the fiscal year beginning the 1st day of July, 1843, and ending the 30th day of June, 1844, together with the amendments reported thereto:

On the question to agree to the following amendment: "At the end of the first section insert: For continuing the meteorological observations at the military posts of the United States, under the direction of the Surgeon General, for said fiscal year, two thousand dollars:"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 28, Nays, ... 13.

On motion by Mr. McRoberts,

The yeas and nays being desired by one fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Berrien, Buchanan, Choate, Clayton, Conrad, Crafts, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Kerr, Linn, Mangum, Miller, Porter, Rives, Simmons, Sprague, Sturgeon, Tallmadge, Walker, White, Woodbridge, Woodbury..

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Benton, Fulton, McDuffie, McRoberts, Sevier, Smith,

of Connecticut, Smith, of Indiana, Tappan, Wilcox, Williams, Wright, Young.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The reported amendments having been agreed to, and the bill further amended, the bill was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The amendments to the said bill having been reported by the committee, correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

Resolved, That it pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

On motion by Mr. Tallmadge,

Ordered, That, when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next; and

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, February 13, 1843.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, communicating, in pursuance of a resolution of the Senate, a copy of General Jackson's letter to the War Department, dated September 5, 1815, and a copy of letter from Daniel T. Patterson; which was read.

Mr. Barrow presented a memorial of steamboat engineers and others of Cincinnati, Ohio, praying an amendment to the steamboat law of July 7, 1838, so as to establish a board of examiners in the several ports of entry in the western and southern States, to inquire into the qualifications of engineers on board of steamboats; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Graham presented resolutions passed by the Legislature of the State of North Carolina, asserting the right of the Legislature to instruct their Senators in Congress; the unconstitutionality of a protective tariff; in favor of repealing the bankrupt law, and of refunding the fine imposed on General Jackson; and against any restriction of the veto power as vested by the constitution in the President of the United States; which were ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

Mr. Graham presented the petition of Samuel C. Mabson, an officer in the army during the last war with Great Britain, praying a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Evans presented a petition of citizens of Maine, praying an increase of the duties on imported fish and lumber; which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Sturgeon presented a resolution passed by the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to procure the passage of a law refunding to General Andrew Jackson the fine imposed on him by Judge Hall in 1815, with interest.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

Mr. Choate presented the memorial of the Boston Marine Society, praying the adoption of measures for preventing further injury to the harbor of Bos-

ton by the washing of the islands at its mouth; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Choate presented the petition of A. B. Quimby, inventor of an improvement for preventing explosions of steam-boilers, praying that a further inquiry may be instituted into the merits of his invention; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Buchanan presented a petition of merchants of Philadelphia, praying that the value of certain foreign coins may be ascertained and fixed by law; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Buchanan presented three memorials of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the issue of Government stock as a means of relieving the embarrassments of the country; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Buchanan presented a petition of citizens of Philadelphia, praying that Amos Kendall may be reimbursed the expenses incurred in defending a suit brought against him by certain mail contractors on account of official acts as Postmaster General; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Allen presented a petition of citizens of Ohio, praying an appropriation for the completion of the Cumberland road in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

Mr. Allen presented the petition of Sisa Rose, widow of a deceased revolutionary soldier, praying a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Tappan presented a petition of citizens of Jefferson county, Ohio, praying the repeal of the bankrupt law; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Young presented a petition of citizens of the State of Illinois and Territory of Wisconsin, praying the establishment of a mail-route from Libertyville, Illinois, to Burlington, Wisconsin Territory; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Wright presented a petition of citizens of Wayne county, New York, praying that Amos Kendall may be reimbursed the expenses incurred in defending a suit brought against him by certain mail contractors on account of official acts as Postmaster General; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Kerr presented a memorial of citizens of Prince George's county, Maryland, praying that the bridges across the Eastern branch of the Potomac river may be purchased by the United States, and made free of tolls; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Kerr submitted an additional document in relation to the bill (H. R. 372) for the relief of Elizabeth Dawkins; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Morehead presented the memorial of the sachem and counsellors of the Stockbridge tribe of Indians in Wisconsin Territory, praying payment of the balance due for lands purchased by the United States, and the reimbursement of their expenses in prosecuting their claim; which, with their petition on the files of the Senate, was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Morehead that it be printed,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. McRoberts presented the petition of William Maxwell, praying that a certain tract of land in the State of Illinois may be offered at public sale; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion by Mr. Calhoun,

Ordered, That the petition of the heir of William Williams on the files of the Senate be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

Ordered, That Charles Larrabee have leave to withdraw his petition and papers on the files of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Merrick,

Ordered, That Franklin Whitney have leave to withdraw his petition and papers on the files of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Archer,

Ordered, That William Evans have leave to withdraw his petition and papers on the files of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Conrad,

Ordered, That the report of the Solicitor of the Treasury in relation to the claim of municipality No. 1 of the city of New Orleans to the lot of ground in that city on which the customhouse stands, communicated the 12th January, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Benton submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the President be requested to communicate to the Senate a copy of the commission or letter of instructions which may have been given to Daniel Webster, Esq., Secretary of State, to treat with the Lord Ashburton, late special minister from Great Britain to the United States.

Mr. Graham, from the Committee of Claims, to whom the following bills were referred:

H. R. 623. An act for the relief of Joseph R. Chandler;

H. R. 646. An act for the relief of Charles Waldron;

H. R. 667. An act for the relief of George A. Winslow; reported them without amendment.

Mr. Dayton, from the Committee on Public Buildings, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 733) for the relief of John Skirving, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Kerr, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 393) to provide in certain cases for the sale of the real estate of infants within the District of Columbia, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 672) for the relief of Mary Barry, widow and administratrix of Thomas Barry, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Williams also made a report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Woodbury, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of William Dowsing, submitted an adverse report; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Archer, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 647) for the relief of John Randolph Clay, reported it without amendment.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Conrad asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 125) to authorize the settlement of the accounts between the United States and Richard M. Carter; which was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Clarke, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the following bills:

H. R. 334. An act in relation to the exemplifications of the records of land patents, and other evidences of title, and amendatory of the act entitled "An act to reorganize the General Land Office;"

H. R. 722. An act to reduce the number and compensation of the officers, and others, employed at the port of New York;

H. R. 783. An act to amend an act entitled, "An act for the relief of George Mayfield," approved July 27, 1842;

H. R. 740. An act to authorize the investigation of alleged frauds under the pre emption laws, and for other purposes.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed six enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives concur in the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 483) for the relief of William Selden, Treasurer of the United States; and in the amendment of the Senate to the resolution (H. R. 29) to establish agencies for water-rotted hemp.

The bills this day received from the House of Representatives were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That bills numbered 334, 740, and 783, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands; and that the bill numbered 722, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Williams reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

H. R. 397. An act for the relief of the representatives of Alexander Macomb, Robert Jennings, and the heirs and legal representatives of James Roddy, deceased, sureties of Samuel Champlin, late a paymaster in the army of the United States;

H. R. 471. An act for the relief of Caspar W. Wever;

H. R. 661. An act making appropriations for pensions for the half calendar year beginning the 1st day of January, and ending the 30th day of June, 1843, and for the fiscal year ending the 30th day of June, 1844.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. 5) directing the transfer of the stock held by the United States in the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company to the State of Maryland, and the cities of Washington, Georgetown, and Alexandria, on certain conditions; and, having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions submitted by Mr. McDuffie the 7th instant, in relation to the condition of the country, and the causes of existing embarrassments; and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Evans,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until tomorrow.

The Senate proceeded to consider the following bills, as in Committee of the Whole:

H. R. 603. An act to authorize the enrollment or register of the Neuva Granada;

H. R. 707. An act for the relief of William W. Street; and,

No amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said bills were severally read a third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the resolution (S. 3) for the distribution of certain copies of the census returns, and of the Compendium of the Sixth Census; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill (S. 105) relating to the appointment of the Assistant Postmasters General of the United States, was read the second time, and considered as in committee; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill (S. 110) to grant a tract of land to Villeneuve Le Blanc, in consideration of the benefit derived to the public lands from his services in damming up the mouth of False river, was read the second time, and considered, as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 11, Nays, ... 19.

On motion by Mr. Tappan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Barrow, Berrien, Conrad, Crittenden, Fulton, Henderson, Kerr, Mangum, Morehead, Simmons, Sprague.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Benton, Calhoun, Clayton, Crafts, Dayton, King, McDuffie, McRoberts, Miller, Smith, of Indiana, Tappan, Walker, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

So,

The bill was rejected.

Mr. Kerr, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was recommitted the bill (H. R. 395) for the relief of Gorham A. Worth, one of the sureties of Samuel Edmonds, deceased, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Kerr also submitted a report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

The President pro tempore signed the six enrolled bills last reported to have been examined; and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 14, 1843.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, showing the amount of accruing duties during the third and fourth quarters of the year 1842, and the value of imports and exports for the last quarter; which was read, and, by unanimous consent, ordered to be printed.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Senate, made in compliance with the act of the 26th of August, 1842,

showing the sums paid, during the year 1842, to the persons employed in the office of the Secretary of the Senate; which was read, and, by unanimous consent, ordered to be printed.

Mr. Evans presented a petition of citizens of Maine, praying the repeal of the bankrupt law; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Evans presented a memorial of citizens of Maine, praying a revision of the commercial treaties and arrangements between the United States and foreign Governments; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Linn presented the petition of Ruth Milligan, praying the redemption of an amount of continental money issued to her husband in payment for his services in the revolutionary war; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams presented a resolution passed by the Legislature of the State of Maine, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress, to oppose any further appropriation for the support of the Military Academy at West Point.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Linn presented the petition of Markham Fristoe, late postmaster at Warsaw, Missouri, praying that the amount of a judgment obtained against him by the United States on his official bond may be refunded; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Linn presented the petition of Abraham Wilcox, praying the aid of Government in raising a company for the settlement of the Oregon Territory; which was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Woodbury,

Ordered, That Molly Luther, Mary Chase, Daniel Peck, and George Johnson, have leave to withdraw their several petitions on the files of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Bates,

Ordered, That Thomas Flanagan have leave to withdraw his petition and papers on the files of the Senate.

Mr. Woodbury submitted the following resolution, which was considered by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to inform the Senate of the net amount of revenue received from customs in the month of January, 1843, according to the current returns made to the Treasury Department.

Mr. Linn submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That, after this day, the Senate will meet at 11 o'clock, A. M., for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Merrick, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 38) for the relief of William De Buys, postmaster at New Orleans, reported thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said amendment.

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Choate, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill (S. 126) for the relief of the heirs of Robert Fulton; which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Bates, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 288) for the relief of Major Thomas Harrison, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Bates also submitted an adverse report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Berrien,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Lewis Lambert; and that it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Huntington, from the Committee on Commerce, who were instructed to inquire into the expediency of abolishing the system of revenue cutters, and employing a part of the navy of the United States in that service, submitted a report; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Huntington, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 722) to reduce the number and compensation of the officers and others employed at the port of New York, reported it with an amendment; which was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Benton the 13th instant, requesting a copy of the instructions to Daniel Webster, Secretary of State, to treat with the British minister; and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Commerce, submitted the 9th instant, in relation to the tonnage, freights, and commerce of the United States, and the commercial treaties and arrangements with foreign powers; and the resolutions, reported by the committee, were agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be discharged from the further consideration of a resolution referred to them on the 27th of December, 1842, directing them to "inquire into the state of our tonnage, freights, and commerce, with foreign powers, and report whether it is prosperous under the existing arrangements, by treaties or laws in relation thereto; and also, whether the regulations by other Governments are equal and in conformity to the spirit of these arrangements; and if either be not so, what measures are proper to insure greater prosperity and reciprocity;" and that the same be referred to the Secretary of State, who is hereby directed to make the inquiries in said resolution mentioned, and report to the Senate, at the next session of Congress.

Resolved, That the committee be also discharged from the further consideration of the memorials referred to them, asking Congress to take into consideration the present commercial treaties and arrangements of the United States with foreign Governments; most especially keeping in view their effect upon the navigation of the United States, and to do such acts and things in relation thereto, as shall give to the navigation of the United States such terms of just reciprocity, as in their wisdom shall appear most to conduce to the welfare and prosperity of the United States.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Commerce on the petition of Isaac Hall and Thomas Curtis; and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Naval Affairs, on the memorial of McKean Buchanan, praying certain allowances as purser on the sale of private stores; and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the memorialist be not granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Naval

Affairs, on the memorial of McKean Buchanan, praying the allowance of commissions on bills of exchange; and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the memorialist be not granted.

The following bill and resolutions having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, were severally read a third time:

S. 105. A bill relating to the appointment of the Assistant Postmasters General of the United States;

S. 3. Resolution for the distribution of certain copies of the Census returns, and of the Compendium of the Sixth Census;

S. 5. Resolution directing the transfer of the stock held by the United States in the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, to the State of Maryland and the cities of Washington, Georgetown, and Alexandria, on certain conditions.

Resolved, That the said bill and resolutions pass, and that their respective titles be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Clarke, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the following bills and joint resolution:

H. R. 773. An act to continue in force an act therein mentioned, relating to the port of Baltimore;

H. R. 774. An act to reduce the salary of the surveyor of the port of Camden, New Jersey.

H. R. 775. An act to repeal an act, entitled "An act to extend the district of Wiscasset."

H. R. 39. Resolution relating to patents for bounty lands: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolutions submitted by Mr. McDuffie the 7th instant, in relation to the condition of the country, and the measures necessary for its relief; and, an amendment having been proposed by Mr. Evans, Mr. Dayton moved to amend the amendment: and,

After debate,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 15, 1843.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Postmaster General, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, accompanied by a statement showing the prices paid for railroad mail service, and the amounts paid for transporting the mails over the same routes prior to railroad conveyance; which was read, and, by unanimous consent, ordered to be printed.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the Governor of the Territory of Iowa, accompanied by a resolution of the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa, asking an appropriation to defray the expenses of a treaty with the Pottamattamie, Chippewa, and Ottawa Indians; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate the credentials of the honorable William H. Haywood, jr., chosen a Senator by the General As-

sembly of the State of North Carolina, for the term of six years, commencing the 4th day of March, 1843; which were read.

Mr. Tallmadge presented the credentials of the honorable Silas Wright, jr., chosen a Senator by the Legislature of the State of New York, for the term of six years, commencing the 4th day of March, 1843; which were read.

Mr. Tappan presented the proceedings of a meeting of citizens of Washington county, Pennsylvania, in favor of the establishment of a mail route from Steubenville, Ohio, to Washington borough, in Pennsylvania; which were referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Simmons presented the petition of James Wilson, a watchman employed about the public grounds of the capitol, praying an increase of his compensation; which was referred to the Committee on the Public Buildings.

Mr. Conrad presented the petition of Reuben Drake and R. G. Quarles, praying permission to reclaim certain inundated lands belonging to the Government, and the privilege of purchasing the same; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Benton presented a petitition of the captains of steamboats navigating the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, praying the construction of a canal around the falls of the Ohio river; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

Mr. Linn presented a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, praying that inundated public lands in that State may be granted to the counties in which they lie, on condition that the proceeds thereof shall be applied to the draining and reclaiming the same; which was ordered to lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Linn presented a memorial adopted at a meeting of citizens held at St. Louis, Missouri, praying the adoption of measures by the United States for the occupation and settlement of the Oregon Territory; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Linn presented a petition of citizens of the State of Missouri, praying the establishment of a mail route from Port William to Little Piney, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Huntington presented the petition of Elizabeth Raymond, widow of a deceased revolutionary soldier, praying a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Graham submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to inform the Senate, as early as practicable, what has been done by that Department under the act of the last session of Congress, entitled "An act making an appropriation for the erection of a marine hospital at or near Ocracoke, in North Carolina," approved August 29, 1842, especially whether a site for said hospital has been purchased or contracted for, and whether any re-appropriation of money is necessary to complete it.

Mr. Sprague reported from the committee that the had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills and joint resolution:

S. 38. An act for the relief of William De Buys, postmaster at New Orleans;

H. R. 483. An act for the relief of the owners of the fund received from the British government as an indemnity for slaves lost from on board the Comet and Encomium at Nassau, Bahamas;

H. R. 603. An act to authorize the enrollment or register of the brig Neuva Granada;

H. R. 707. An act for the relief of William W. Street;

H. R. 29. Joint resolution to establish agencies for water rotted hemp.

Mr. Williams reported from the committee that they had presented to the President of the United States, the 14th instant, the following enrolled bills:

S. 33. An act to authorize the Legislatures of the States of Illinois, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Tennessee, to sell the lands heretofore appropriated for the use of schools in those States;

S. 69. An act to amend the charter of the town of Alexandria;

H. R. 199. An act to change the place of holding the circuit and district courts in the district of Maine;

H. R. 397. An act for the relief of the representatives of Alexander Macomb, Robert Jennings, and the heirs and legal representatives of James Roddy, deceased, sureties of Samuel Champlin, late a paymaster in the army of the United States;

H. R. 471. An act for the relief of Caspar W. Wever;

H. R. 544. An act to authorize the Chief Clerk in the office of the Secretary of State to frank public and official documents sent from that office;

H. R. 661. An act making appropriations for pensions for the half calendar year beginning the first day of January and ending the 30th day of June, 1843; and for the fiscal year beginning the first day of July, 1843, and ending the 30th day of June, 1844.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Tyler, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States this day approved and signed the following acts:

An act to authorize the Legislatures of the States of Illinois, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Tennessee, to sell the lands heretofore appropriated for the use of schools in those States.

An act to amend the charter of the town of Alexandria.

On motion by Mr. Bates,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Seneca Thomas, and from the further consideration of the petition of Sarah Williamson.

Mr. Bates, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom the following bills were referred:

H. R. 451. An act for the relief of Prudence Couch;

H. R. 701. An act granting a pension to David Munn; reported them severally without amendment.

Mr. Bates also submitted an adverse report in each case; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wright, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of William Morrow, submitted an adverse report; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wright, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Charles Dehault Delassus, submitted an adverse report; which wa ordered to be printed.

Mr. Linn, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 21) confirming the claim of the heirs of Joseph Thompson, sen., to a tract of land in Missouri, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Tappan, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 43) for the relief of the heirs of Madame De Lusser and their legal representatives, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Wilcox, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 743) for the relief of certain companies of Michigan militia, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 442) for the relief of James Mount, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Benton, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of a number of persons in Platte county, Missouri, complaining of the expulsion, by the order of the commanding officer of Fort Leavenworth, of several inhabitants of said county from that part included in the "Military Reserve," submitted a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

Resolved, That the petition, with the accompanying papers and a copy of this report, be communicated to the honorable Secretary of War.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution; and the resolution was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Benton,

Ordered, That the said report be printed.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted yesterday by Mr. Linn to change the hour of the daily meeting of the Senate; and the resolution was disagreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 43) for the relief of the heirs of Madame De Lusser and their legal representatives; and, no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 743) for the relief of certain companies of Michigan militia; and, no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 442) for the relief of James Mount; and,

On motion by Mr. Williams,

Resolved, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 66) for the relief of Charles J. Jenkins and William W. Mann, assignees of John McKinne; and,

On motion by Mr. Berrien,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until tomorrow.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolutions submitted by Mr. McDuffie the 7th instant, in relation to the condition of the country, and the means of relief; together with the amendment proposed thereto; and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Merrick,

That they lie on the table,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 24, Nays, ... 23.

On motion by Mr. Walker,

The yeas and nays being desired by one fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Berrien, Choate, Conrad, Crafts, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Henderson, Huntington, Merrick, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Porter, Simmons, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Tallmadge, White, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Bagby, Benton, Buchanan, Calhoun, Fulton, King, Linn, McDuffie, McRoberts, Mangum, Rives, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

So,

The resolutions were ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Rives submitted the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolved, That one of the prominent causes which tend to prolong and increase the financial embarrassments of the country, and to retard the ultimate restoration of public and private credit, is the uncertainty and suspense thrown over the policy of this Government in regard to the debts of the States by the agitation of projects for the virtual assumption of those debts by the authorities of the Union; that while this uncertainty is permitted to exist, its mischievous effect is to foster delusive hopes of relief from a quarter whence it can never legitimately proceed, and to divert the attention of the indebted States from that timely and energetic application of their own resources to the fulfilment of their engagements which they would otherwise make, and which is the sole natural and proper reliance for the liquidation of their respective liabilities; and it is, therefore, urgently demanded by the interests of the parties immediately concerned, as well as by those of the country at large, that Congress should now explicitly and unequivocally declare the views it entertains of the appropriate and constitutional sphere of its powers and duties in relation to this subject.

Resolved, That, in the fundamental division and allotment of political power established by the constitution between the Government of the Union and those of the several States, there is no power or authority given to the former to provide for the payment of the debts incurred by the latter, in virtue of their undoubted competence, and within their separate and exclusive jurisdiction; that any attempt by the General Government thus to assume, and impose upon the people of the Union, the debts of individual States, would be not merely a gross perversion of the trusts confided to it, but an utter annihilation of that wholesome and necessary relation between power and responsibility, which is the vital principle of all representative government; that such an arbitrary and unauthorized transfer of burden from those who created, and should alone be responsible for them, to others who are alien alike to their origin and their benefits, involves so flagrant a violation

of the principles of justice, that it could not but most seriously impair the harmony, and ultimately jeopard the union, of the States; and that any expectation, therefore, that this Government will at any time, now or hereafter, assume or provide for the payment of the debts of the individual States, directly or indirectly, is wholly unwarranted and illusory.

Resolved, That a just sentiment of respect for the character of sovereign States, incurring pecuniary obligations by a deliberate act of the public will, and a solemn pledge of the public faith through their constitutional and appointed organs, forbids the apprehension that any of the States of this Union will fail to call forth their utmost resources for the final redemption of their engagements; preferring every sacrifice to dishonor, and proud to illustrate that jealous spirit of independence which belongs to free republican States, by a stern and strenuous reliance on their own faculties for deliverance from their present temporary embarrassment.

Mr. Linn submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That from and after Saturday next, the daily hour of meeting of the Senate be 11 o'clock.

The bills and resolution yesterday received from the House of Representatives were severally read the first and second times by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the following bills be referred to the Committee on Commerce:

H. R. 773. An act to continue in force an act therein mentioned relating to the port of Baltimore;

H. R. 774. An act to reduce the salary of the surveyor of the port of Camden, New Jersey;

H. R. 775. An act to repeal an act, entitled "An act to extend the collection district of Wiscasset;" and,

Ordered, That the resolution (H. R. 39) relating to patents for bounty lands, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Woodbridge submitted the following resolution; which was considered by unanimous consent, and agreed to.

Resolved, That the Library Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing for the publication of a continued series of the debates and proceedings of Congress, from the beginning of the first to the end of the present session, and procuring for the use of the United States a certain number of copies of the same, and that they have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 16, 1843.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate of the 28th February, 1842, communicating a copy of any commission or authority issued for the purpose of investigating the affairs of the New York customhouse, and other papers relating to the same; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Woodbury, that it be printed.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Printing.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Navy, exhibiting the names and compensations of persons in the office of the Secretary of the Navy and of the Commissioners of the Navy,

between the 1st of January and the 1st of September, 1842, and the names and compensations of the persons employed in the several bureaus, between the 1st of September, 1842, and the 1st of January, 1843; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Evans, that it be printed.

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Sturgeon presented the memorial of the Board of Trade of the city of Pittsburg, praying an appropriation for the erection of a marine hospital on the Ohio river, near that city; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Sturgeon presented the proceedings of a meeting of citizens held in Washington county, Pennsylvania, in favor of the establishment of a mail route from Steubenville, Ohio, to Washington borough, Pennsylvania; which were referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Woodbridge presented a communication from the mayor and common council of Monroe, in the State of Michigan, on the subject of an appropriation for the completion of the harbor at the mouth of the river Raisin; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Woodbridge presented a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Michigan, praying appropriations for the improvement of harbors and the protection of commerce on the lakes; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce,

Mr. Williams presented the petition of William K. Weston, praying that a bond given by him for the faithful performance of a contract with the Government for the erection of a light house on Flinn's knoll, in the harbor of New York, may be cancelled; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Woodbridge,

Ordered, That the resolution of the General Assembly of Indiana, on the files of the Senate, relating to the completion of the harbor of St. Joseph, on Lake Michigan, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, showing the amount received into the Treasury from customs during the month of January last; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Evans, that it be printed,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, showing the lands in Louisiana not worth the cost of survey; which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 659) making appropriations for the naval service for the half calendar year beginning the first day of January, and ending the 30th day of June, 1843; and for the fiscal year beginning the first day of July, 1843, and ending the 30th day of June, 1844, reported it with amendments; which were read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wright, from the Committee of Claims, to whom have been referred the several memorials in behalf of Amos Kendall, late Postmaster General, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 127) to amend the laws regulating imprisonment for debt in the District of Columbia.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Woodbridge, from the Committee on the Library, who were instructed, by a resolution of the 15th instant, to inquire into the subject, reported a bill (S. 128) to provide for the publication of the debates and proceedings of Congress in a continued series, and to authorize one or more contracts for that purpose; which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 28) for the relief of the legal representatives of Nathaniel Pryor, deceased, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the petition of the heirs of Joseph King, submitted an adverse report; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 761) to allow a Pension to Nancy Williams, widow of David Williams, who was one of the captors of Major Andre, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Smith, of Indiana, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the resolution (H. R. 39) relating to patents for bounty lands, reported it with an amendment; which was read.

Mr. Smith, of Indiana, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of Lewis Lambert, reported the following resolution; which was read:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

On motion by Mr. Smith, of Indiana,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of the General Assembly of Indiana, presented the 2d instant, and that it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Smith, of Indiana, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 783) to amend an act for the relief of George Mayfield, approved July 27, 1842, reported it with an amendment; which was read.

Mr. Graham, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 42) for the relief of Captain J. Throckmorton, reported it without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Graham,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of Juan Quavre.

Mr. Smith, of Indiana, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported a bill (S. 129) explanatory of an act in relation to lands sold in Greensburgh, late St. Helena, land district of Louisiana, approved August 29, 1842; which was read, and passed to the second reading.

The said bill was read the second time, and considered, as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bill, having been reported by the Committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that its title be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. McRoberts, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 130) to establish a collection district at Chicago, Illinois; which

was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 783) to amend an act, entitled "An act for the relief of George Mayfield," approved July 27, 1842, together with the amendment reported thereto; and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The amendment to the said bill having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time, as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Represenatives in the amendment.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Clarke, their Clerk.

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill from the Senate (S. 95) altering the times of holding the circuit court of the United States for the district of Connecticut.

The President of the United States approved and signed the 14th instant the bill entitled, "An act making appropriations for pensions for the half calendar year beginning the 1st day of January, and ending the 30th day of June, 1843, and for the fiscal year beginning the 1st day of July, 1843, and ending the 30th day of June, 1844; and the 15th instant the following bills:

An act to authorize the chief clerk in the office of the Secretary of State to frank public and official documents sent from that office;

An act to change the place of holding the circuit and district courts in the State of Maine;

An act for the relief of Caspar W. Wever.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed four enrolled bills, and an enrolled resolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H R. 548) to reduce the compensation to members of the Senate, members of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to the Delegates of the Territories and other officers, and repealing all other laws on that subject, and a bill (H. R. 794) for the relief of John Wolfenden; in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The bills received from the House of Representatives were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bill numbered 548 be referred to the Committee on Retrenchment, and that the bill numbered 794 be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The President pro tempore signed the four enrolled bills and the enrolled resolution yesterday reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted yesterday by Mr. Linn to change the daily hour of the meeting of the Senate; and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Commerce on the subject of allowing drawback on goods exported in original packages by land; and, in concurrence therewith,

Ordered, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Private Land Claims on the petition of William Wynn; and, in concurrence therewith,

Ordered, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The bill (S. 43) for the relief of the heirs of Madame De Lusser and their legal representatives, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that its title be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions submitted yesterday by Mr. Rives in relation to the financial embarrassments of the country and the debts of the several States; and,

An amendment having been proposed by Mr. Allen,

On motion by Mr. Conrad,

That the further consideration of the resolutions be postponed to Tuesday next,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 19, Nays, ... 22.

On motion by Mr. Walker,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Berrien, Clayton, Conrad, Crafts, Crittenden, Evans, Graham, Huntington, Mangum, Merrick, Miller, Morehead, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Tallmadge.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Benton, Buchanan, Calhoun, Fulton, Henderson, King, Linn, McDuffie, McRoberts, Phelps, Rives, Smith, of Connecticut, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

On motion by Mr. Walker,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the resolutions be postponed until to-morrow, and that the proposed amendments be printed.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. McRoberts asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 131) to enlarge the collection district of Michilimackinac, and to establish a port of entry at Chicago; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 12) to indemnify Major General Andrew Jackson, for damage sustained in the discharge of his official duty, with the amendments reported thereto; and,

On motion by Mr. Morehead,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 17, 1843.

The honorable Alfred Cuthbert, from the State of Georgia, attended.

Mr. Wright presented a report of a committee of the Chamber of Commerce of the city of New York, on the subject of the proposed reduction of the number and compensation of the persons employed in the collection of

the customs at the port of New York; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion by Mr. Wright, that it be printed,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Archer presented the memorial of Buckner Thruston, in behalf of the legal representatives of Charles Thruston, deceased, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying to be allowed commutation pay; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Bayard presented a memorial of citizens of the State of Delaware, praying the issue of Government stock as a means of relieving the embarrassments of the country; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Wright,

Ordered, That the bill (H. R. 722) to reduce the number and compensation of the officers and others employed at the port of New York, be recommitted to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Huntington, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 773) to continue in force an act therein mentioned, relating to the port of Baltimore, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Huntington, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 774) to reduce the salary of the surveyor of the port of Camden, New Jersey, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Sevier, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 459) for the relief of Lyman D. Cook, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Sevier, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 458) for the relief of Solomon Emerson, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Sevier, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 674) for the relief of Jeremiah Kimball, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Sevier, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom the following bills were referred:

H. R. 449. An act for the relief of Mary Elder;

H. R. 711. An act for the relief of Jane McGuire, widow of Major Thomas McGuire, deceased;

H. R. 756. An act for the relief of Patrick Masterson; reported them severally without amendment, and that they ought not to pass.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom the following bills were referred:

H. R. 362. An act for the relief of Leah Tenure;

H. R. 366. An act for the relief of Henry Freeman;

H. R. 447. An act for the relief of Elizabeth Harris; reported them, severally, without amendment.

Mr. Phelps also submitted an adverse report, in each case; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Asahel Brainard, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 132) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to a second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 665) for the relief of Elizabeth Gresham, widow of George Gresham, reported it without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Phelps,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of the widow of Richard A. Zantzinger, and that it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom the following bills were referred:

H. R. 377. An act for the relief of Joseph Watson;

H. R. 283. An act for the relief of George Hommil; reported them, severally, without amendment.

Mr. Phelps also submitted an adverse report in each case; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bagby, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 666) for the relief of Elizabeth Powers, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Dayton, from the Committee on Public Buildings, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 768) to fix the compensation of the Commissioner of Public Buildings, reported it with an amendment; which was read.

Mr. Williams reported from the Committee on Printing in favor of printing the reports of the Secretary of the Treasury, showing the revenue received from customs during the month of January, 1843; and in favor of printing the report of the Secretary of the Navy, showing the names and salaries of the persons in the office and bureaus of the Department; and,

Ordered, That they be printed.

The bill (S. 120) to repeal the act to amend the act of the 10th of March, 1838, entitled "An act to change the time of holding the Circuit and District Courts in the District of Ohio, approved June 1, 1842, was read the second time.

Mr. Williams, from the committee, reported that they had examined, and found duly enrolled, the bill (S. 95) altering the times of holding the Circuit Court of the United States for the district of Connecticut.

Mr. Sprague, from the committee, reported that they had this day presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills and resolution:

S. 38. An act for the relief of William De Buys, postmaster at New Orleans;

H. R. 483. An act for the relief of the owners of the fund received from the British Government as an indemnity for slaves lost from on board the Comet and Encomium, at Nassau, Bahamas;

H. R. 603. An act to authorize the enrolment or register of the brig Neuva Granada;

H. R. 707. An act for the relief of William W. Street;

H. R. 29. Resolution to establish agencies for water rotted hemp.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of the representatives of Nimrod Farrow and Richard Harris; and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of William Dowsing; and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Commerce on the expediency of abolishing the system of revenue cutters; and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That it is not expedient to abolish the system of revenue cutters, and to employ a part of the navy of the United States in that service.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Charles Dehault Delassus; and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution reported by the Committee on Public Lands on the petition of Lewis Lambert; and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Revolutionary Claims on the petition of the heirs of Joseph King; and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the claim for bounty land can not be allowed, and that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the claim for a balance of account.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Clarke, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 762) to amend an act, entitled "An act making an appropriation for the erection of a marine hospital at or near Ocracoke, North Carolina, and a bill (H. R. 767) amendatory of an act establishing the branch mint at Dahlonega, Georgia, and defining the duties of assayer and coiner; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The bills this day received from the House of Representatives, were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bill numbered 762, be referred to the Committee on Commerce; and that the bill numbered 767, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 601) for the relief of Thomas King; and, no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 773) to continue in force an act therein mentioned, relating to the port of Baltimore; and, no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 375) for the relief of Nancy Hambright, widow of Captain John Hambright, deceased; and, no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 531) for the relief of Esther Augur; and,

On motion by Mr. Phelps,

Ordered, That it lie on the table, and that Esther Augur have leave to withdraw her petition and papers.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 489) for the relief Samuel D. Rose and others; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion, that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the resolutions submitted by Mr. Rives the 15th instant, in relation to the debts of the States:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 22, Nays, ... 22.

On motion by Mr. Rives,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Bagby, Benton, Buchanan, Calhoun, Cuthbert, Fulton, King, Linn, McRoberts, Rives, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Berrien, Clayton, Conrad, Crafts, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Henderson, Huntington, Mangum, Merrick, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Tallmadge, Woodbridge.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (S. 12) to indemify Major General Jackson for damages sustained in the discharge of his official duty; and, after debate,

On motion by Mr. Smith, of Connecticut,

The Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, February 18, 1843.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made agreeably to law, accompanied by such accounts as have been rendered by persons charged or entrusted with the disbursements or application of moneys, goods, or effects, for the benefit of the Indians, from October 1, 1841, to September 30, 1842; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Evans, that it be printed,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, communicating information concerning the erection of a marine hospital at or near Ocracoke, in North Carolina; which was read, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Sturgeon presented resolutions adopted at a meeting of citizens held in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, and a memorial of citizens of the United States, in favor of the issue of Government stock as a means of relieving the embarrassments of the several States of the Union; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Sturgeon presented a memorial of citizens of Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, praying that Amos Kendall may be reimbursed the expenses incurred in defending a suit brought against him by certain mail contractors,

on account of official acts while Postmaster General; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Bagby presented a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Alabama, praying that the Government price of certain public lands in that State, of little value, may be reduced, and the lands advertised for sale; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. McRoberts presented a petition of citizens of the State of Illinois, praying that provision may be made, in all treaties hereafter entered into between the United States and foreign powers, for an amicable adjustment of all international difficulties that may arise; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Young presented the petition of Rose Howe, praying that a patent may be issued to her and the other representatives of Mo-nee, a Pottawatomie Indian, for a certain reservation of land ceded to her by the treaty with the Pottawatomies; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Walker submitted the following resolution; which was considered by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to communicate to the Senate the total amount of the two per cent. of the net proceeds of the sales of the public lands in the State of Ohio, together with the entire cost of the Cumberland road from Cumberland to the Pennsylvania line, and also from Cumberland to the Ohio river.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Clarke, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives concur in all the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 645) making appropriations for the support of the army and of the military academy, and for armories, arsenals, arms, and munitions of war, and surveys, for the half calendar year ending the 30th day of June, 1843, and for the fiscal year beginning the 1st day of July, 1843, and ending the 30th day of June, 1844, except the last, which proposes to insert a proviso at the end of line 22, page 6: to which proviso, they disagree.

Mr. McRoberts, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the resolution (S. 4) authorizing the Postmaster General to contract for carrying the mail from Chicago to St. Joseph, reported it without amendment; and submitted an adverse report on the subject, which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. McRoberts, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the bill (S. 124) for the relief of John W. Skidmore, reported it without amendment; and submitted a special report on the subject, which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 521) for the relief of George P. Pollen and Robert Colegate, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Evans also submitted an adverse report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 577) for the relief of S. Morris Waln, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Evans also submitted an adverse report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 725) for the relief of Thomas Weaver and Jacob Heyberger, su-

reties of the Norristown and Valley Railroad Company, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the memorial of Benjamin Adams and Company, and others, reported a bill (S. 133) for their relief; which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Evans also submitted a report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred a memorial of a number of citizens of Pennsylvania, presented the 13th instant, reported a bill (S. 134) to fix the value of certain foreign moneys of account, in computations at the customhouses; which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Bayard, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 794) for the relief of John Wolfenden, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of William McPherson, reported a bill (S. 135) granting a pension to William McPherson; which was read, and passed to the second reading.

The said bill was read the second time, by unanimons consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and, no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

Mr. Smith, of Indiana, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 136) granting lands to the several States for the education of the deaf, dumb, and blind, and for the relief of insane persons; which was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Tyler, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and signed, this day, an act for the relief of William De Buys, postmaster at New Orleans.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The following bills were severally read a third time:

H. R. 601. An act for the relief of Thomas King;

H. R. 773. An act to continue in force an act therein mentioned, relating to the port of Baltimore.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolutions submitted by Mr. Rives the 15th instant, in relation to the debts of the several States.

On motion by Mr. Barrow, that they lie on the table.

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 20, Nays, ... 22.

On motion by Mr. Walker,

The yeas and nays being desired by one fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Berrien, Clayton, Crafts, Crittenden, Day-

ton, Evans, Graham, Huntington, Merrick, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Tallmadge, White, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Bagby, Benton, Buchanan, Calhoun, Cuthbert, Fulton, King, Linn, McDuffie, McRoberts, Rives, Smith, of Connecticut, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

Mr. Rives having modified the second resolution, the amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Allen was withdrawn.

Further amendments having been proposed by Mr. Merrick and Mr. Berrien:

On motion by Mr. Conrad, that the further consideration of the resolutions, with the proposed amendments, be postponed to the first Monday in December next.

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 25, Nays. . . . . 22.

On motion by Mr. Evans,

The yeas and nays being desired by one fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Berrien, Choate, Clayton, Conrad, Crafts, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Henderson, Huntington, Mangum, Merrick, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Tallmadge, White, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Benton, Buchanan, Calhoun, Cuthbert, Fulton, King, Linn, McDuffie, McRoberts, Rives, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

So, it was

Ordered, That the further consideration of the resolutions, with the proposed amendments, be postponed to the first Monday in December next.

Mr. McDuffie submitted the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolved, That the Government of the United States has no constitutional power to assume the debts, contracted by the States for their own proper purposes, by the issue of stock, whatever fund may be pledged for the payment of the interest or principal.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient for this Government thus to assume the aforesaid debts.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, February 20, 1843.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, made agreeably to law, accompanied by a statement from the Second Auditor, exhibiting the expenditures made during the year 1842, from the appropriation for contingent expenses of the military establishment; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Evans, that it be printed,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Evans presented a memorial of citizens of Maine, praying an increase of the duties on imported lumber and fish; which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Sturgeon presented a resolution passed by the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, requesting the Senators and Representatives of that State

in Congress to use their exertions to procure the passage of an act to revive the act of 1838, granting pensions to the widows of officers and soldiers of the revolutionary army; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bates presented the petition of the Western Railroad Corporation of Massachusetts, praying permission to import iron for their railroad, free of duty; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Choate presented the petition of Hall Jackson Kelley, praying permission to purchase from the Indians in the Oregon Territory a tract of land for the purpose of forming a permanent settlement thereon; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Young presented a petition of citizens of the State of Illinois, praying the establishment of a mail route from Peoria to Albany in that State; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Buchanan presented a memorial of merchants and traders of Philadelphia, praying that the drawback on exported domestic spirits may be made equal to the duty on imported molasses; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Walker submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to present to the Senate, at its next session, a plan and estimate for improving the navigation of the Ohio river, by an enlarged steamboat canal on the Indiana side of the falls near Louisville; also to report what effect would be produced on the navigation of the river above the falls by the removal of the ledge of rocks at that point; also, what would be the expense of enlarging the present canal, so as to admit the largest class of boats, and what arrangements, if any, can be made for rendering said canal toll free, or subject only to such toll as may be necessary to keep the same in repair.

Mr. Smith, of Indiana, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 334) in relation to exemplifications of the records of land patents and other evidences of title, and amendatory of the act, entitled "An act to reorganize the General Land Office," reported it with amendments; which were read and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Crittenden, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 519) to provide for the payment of the Iowa militia called into service in December, 1839, reported, "that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the bill."

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 452) for the relief of Anna Jones, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and,

On motion by Mr. Phelps,

Resolved, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom the following bills were referred:

H. R. 453. An act for the relief of Maria E. Brook;

H. R. 640. An act for the relief of Catharine Wilson; reported them without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H. R. 453) for the relief of Maria E. Brook; and,

On motion by Mr. Phelps,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 640) for the relief of Catharine Wilson; and,

On motion by Mr. Phelps,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The following bills were read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole:

S. 100. A bill for the relief of John Hutchins;

S. 132. A bill for the relief of Asahel Brainard; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be severally engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bills having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, were severally read a third time:

Resolved, That they pass, and that the respective titles be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Clarke, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives concur in the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 783) to amend an act entitled "An act for the relief of George Mayfield, approved July 27, 1842.

They have passed the resolution (S. 3.) for the distribution of certain copies of the census returns, and of the Compendium of the Sixth Census, with amendments; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill (S. 95), I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives have passed the following bills:

H. R. 387. An act for the relief of the heirs of Robert Fulton;

H. R. 611. An act to provide for the erection of a marine hospital at Key West, in the Territory of Florida;

H. R. 655. An act granting a pension to certain widows of revolutionary soldiers;

H. R. 668. An act to authorize the election or appointment of officers in the Territory of Wisconsin;

H. R. 678. An act for the protection of commerce on the western shores of Lake Michigan;

H. R. 699. An act making an appropriation for completing the public buildings in Florida;

H. R. 749. An act for the relief of Samuel Weller; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The bills this day received from the House of Representatives were severally read the first and second times by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bill numbered 387 be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs; that the bills numbered 611 and 678 be referred to the Committee on Commerce; that the bill numbered 655 be referred to the Committee on Pensions; that the bill numbered 668 be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; that the bill numbered 699 be referred to the Committee on Finance; and that the bill numbered 749 be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Sprague reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills and resolution:

H. R. 743. An act for the relief of certain companies of Michigan militia;

H. R. 783. An act to amend an act, entitled "An act for the relief of George Mayfield," approved July 27th, 1842;

H. R. 35. Joint resolution presenting the thanks of Congress to Samuel T. Washington for the service sword of George Washington and the staff of Benjamin Franklin, presented by him to Congress.

The bill (S. 135) granting a pension to William McPherson having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions submitted the 18th instant by Mr. McDuffie relating to the assumption of State debts; and,

An amendment having been proposed by Mr. Merrick,

On motion by Mr. Tallmadge,

That the resolutions, with the amendment, lie on the table.

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 24. Nays, ... 23,

On motion by Mr. Walker,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Berrien, Choate, Clayton, Conrad, Crafts, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Henderson. Huntington, Mangum, Merrick, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Tallmadge, White, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Bagby, Benton, Buchanan, Calhoun, Cuthbert, Fulton, King, Linn, McDuffie, McRoberts, Rives, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

So,

The resolutions, with the proposed amendment, were ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Walker submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the assumption of the debts of the States, contracted by them separately for local purposes, would be a palpable violation of the constitution of the United States, a consolidation of all power in the Federal Government, and a final and total overthrow of the sovereignty of the States.

Resolved, That Congress having no power to assume such debts, any act attempting such assnmption would be utterly null and void; that it would not be obligatory upon the States, nor could the people of the States be lawfully required by Congress to pay the debts so assumed, nor could any taxes imposed by them for such purpose be collected; and it would be the duty of a succeeding Congress to restore the supremacy of the constitution, by the entire repeal of the act of assumption.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendment, disagreed to by the House of Representatives to the bill (H. R. 645) making appropriations for the support of the army and of the military academy, and for armories, arsenals, arms and munitions of war, and surveys, for the half calendar year ending the thirtieth day of June, one thousand eight huudred and

forty-three, and for the fiscal year beginning the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, and ending the thirtieth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four.

On motion by Mr. Evans,

Resolved, That the Senate insist on their amendment, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses.

On motion by Mr. Evans,

Ordered. That the committee of conference, on the part of the Senate, consist of three members, to be appointed by the President pro tempore; and,

Mr. Evans, Mr. Archer, and Mr. King, were appointed the committee.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion by Mr. Berrien,

That the orders of the day be postponed for the purpose of considering the bill (H. R. 614) to repeal the bankrupt act,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 20, Nays, ... 22.

On motion by Mr. Linn,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bayard, Berrien, Clayton, Crafts, Crittenden, Dayton, Graham, Huntington, Merrick, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, White, Wilcox, Williams, Young.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Bates, Benton, Calhoun, Choate, Conrad, Cuthbert, Evans, Fulton, Henderson, King, Linn, Rives, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Sturgeon, Tallmadge, Tappan, Walker, Woodbridge, Woodbury.

So the motion was not agreed to.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 12) to indemnify Major General Jackson for damages sustained in the discharge of his official duty.

On motion by Mr. Dayton,

That the Senate adjourn,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 17, Nays, ... 26.

On motion by Mr. Linn,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Berrien, Clayton, Conrad, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Henderson, Merrick, Miller, Morehead, Smith, of Indiana, Tallmadge.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Benton, Buchanan, Calhoun, Choate, Crafts, Cuthbert, Fulton, King, Linn, McDuffie, McRoberts, Mangum, Rives, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Sprague, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

After further debate,

On motion by Mr. Dayton,

That the Senate adjourn,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 19, Nays, ... 25.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Berrien, Choate, Clayton, Conrad, Crafts, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Henderson, Huntington, Merrick, Miller, Smith, of Indiana, Tallmadge.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Benton, Buchanan, Calhoun, Cuthbert, Fulton, King, Linn, McDuffie, McRoberts, Mangum, Phelps, Rives, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Sprague, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

So the motion was disagreed to.

The bill having been amended on the motion of Mr. Graham,

On the question to agree to the reported amendment, as follows:

Strike out all the bill after the enacting clause, and in lieu thereof insert:

"*That in consideration of the distinguished military services of Major General Andrew Jackson in the defence of the city of New Orleans, and of the desire expressed by sundry citizens and Legislatures of this Union, in divers petitions and legislative resolutions submitted to the Congress of the United States, the fine of one thousand dollars imposed upon Major General Andrew Jackson by the honorable Dominick A. Hall, be, and the same is hereby, restored; and that the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to pay to Major General Andrew Jackson the said sum of one thousand dollars, with interest, at six per cent. thereon, from the day of its payment by him, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,*"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 16, Nays, ... 27.

On motion by Mr. Tappan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Berrien, Clayton, Conrad, Crafts, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Huntington, Merrick, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Smith, of Indiana.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Bayard, Benton, Buchanan, Calhoun, Choate, Cuthbert, Fulton, Graham, Henderson, King, Linn, McDuffie, McRoberts, Mangum, Rives, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

So the amendment was disagreed to.

On motion by Mr. Archer, to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause, and in lieu thereof inserting:

"*That there shall be remitted and refunded to Major General Andrew Jackson, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the amount of a fine and costs imposed upon him by the district court of the United States for the district of Louisiana, for an alleged contempt of court, with interest at the rate of six per centum per annum: Provided, always, That this act shall not be construed as an expression of the opinion of Congress upon any judicial proceeding or legal questions growing out of the declaration of martial law by General Jackson during the defence of New Orleans,*"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 17, Nays, ... 26.

On motion by Mr. Linn,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Berrien, Choate, Clayton, Conrad, Crafts, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Huntington, Merrick, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Smith, of Indiana.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Bayard, Benton, Buchanan, Calhoun, Cuthbert, Fulton, Graham, Henderson, King, Linn, McDuffie, McRoberts, Mangum, Rives, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

So the amendment was disagreed to.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed, and read a third time.

On motion by Mr. Berrien,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 21, 1843.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Tyler, his Secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

I transmit to the Senate a report from the Secretary of State, in answer to their resolution of the 14th instant.

JOHN TYLER.

Washington, *February* 20, 1843.

The message was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of State, accompanied by further returns in relation to the bankrupt law; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. King laid before the Senate the credentials of the honorable Arthur P. Bagby, elected a Senator by the Legislature of the State of Alabama, for the term of six years, "from and after the fourth day of March, 1843;" which were read.

Mr. Graham presented a resolution passed by the Legislative Council of the Territory of Florida, urging the payment of the judgment rendered in the district court of the United States, at Tallahassee, in favor of William P. Duval, late Governor of the Territory of Florida, for services as superintendent of Indian Affairs in Florida, advances of money, and expenses incurred, while discharging his duties; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. White presented three resolutions passed by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to procure the passage of an act granting pre-emption rights to settlers on the lands granted to the State of Indiana for the Wabash and Erie canal; to effect a reduction of the postage on letters; and to obtain an appropriation for the

erection of marine hospitals on the Mississippi river and its tributaries, and the great lakes.

Ordered, That they lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. White presented a preamble and resolutions passed by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, on the subject of the restrictions imposed by municipal regulations on the trade of the Mississippi river; which were referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Sturgeon,

Ordered, That the memorial of the Board of Trade of the city of Pittsburg, praying the erection of a marine hospital near that place, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Young submitted the following resolution, which was considered by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be instructed to communicate to the Senate, the copy of any contract or contracts entered into by Robert Fulton, with the Government of the United States, in the year 1814 or 1815, for the furnishing or fitting out of one or more steamboats for the use of the Government; the amount of money advanced to him in virtue of the said contract or contracts, and how far the same have been fulfilled or complied with on the part of the said Fulton; also, a statement of the accounts of the said Fulton, as the same appear on the books of the Department.

Mr. Young submitted the following resolution, which was considered by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be instructed to include in his report to be made at the present session of Congress, in pursuance of the resolution of the Senate, adopted on the 30th July, 1842, either under their appropriate heads, or by way of appendix, the quantity of the public lands to which the Indian title has been extinguished since that time, the several amounts agreed to be paid therefor, and the times and manner in which such payments are to be made, respectively.

Mr. Benton submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to include the permanent appropriations in the list of current appropriations made at each session, now directed to be published by law.

The President pro tempore signed the enrolled bill (S. 95) altering the times of holding the circuit court of the United States in the district of Connecticut.

Mr. Crittenden, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 693) providing for the settlement of claims for supplies furnished the Florida militia, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the memorial of Phineas Bennet and Nahum Andrews, reported a bill (S. 137) to permit the entry of merchandise recovered from shipwreck in certain cases, free of duty; which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. White, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, showing the state and administration of funds for the benefit of the Chickasaw Indians, moved that the report be printed; and,

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. Miller, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the petition of Markham Fristoe, submitted an adverse report; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Smith, of Indiana, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 740) to authorize the investigations of alleged frauds under the pre-emption laws, and for other purposes, reported it with amendments; which were read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Smith, of Indiana, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 113) explanatory of "An act supplemental to the act, entitled 'An act to grant pre-emption rights to settlers on the public lands,'" approved June 22, 1838, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Choate, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 387) for the relief of the heirs of Robert Fulton, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Scott Campbell, submitted an adverse report; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Indian Affairs. to whom was referred the memorial of the administrator of William H. Hunter, submitted an adverse report; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the documents relating to the claim of Aaron Payne, submitted an adverse report; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of the legal representatives of Benjamin Harrison, submitted an adverse report, which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 597) for the relief of the representatives of Henry Hoffman, deceased, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Phelps,

Ordered, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Isaac Hopkins.

Mr. Bagby, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 700) for the relief of Jacob Miller, reported it without amendment, and submitted a special report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 115) for the relief of Charles E. Sherman, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a special report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 718) for the relief of Maria Fowler, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill, as in Committee of the Whole; and,

On motion by Mr. Phelps,

Resolved, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Printing, reported in favor of printing the report of the Secretary of the Treasury of the 16th instant, in relation to the New York customhouse; and,

Ordered, That the report be printed.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 66) for

the relief of Charles J. Jenkins and William W. Mann, assignees of John McKinne, and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 15, Nays, ... 22.

On motion by Mr. Buchanan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bayard, Berrien, Clayton, Conrad, Dayton, Kerr, McDuffie, Mangum, Merrick, Miller, Tallmadge, Walker, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Buchanan, Calhoun, Crafts, Cuthbert, Evans, Fulton, Henderson, King, McRoberts, Phelps, Sevier, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Sturgeon, Tappan, White, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Young.

So,

The bill was rejected.

On motion by Mr. Evans,

That the Senate proceed to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 659) making appropriations for the naval service for the half calendar year beginning the first day of January, and ending the 30th day of June, 1843, and for the fiscal year beginning the first day of July, 1843, and ending the 30th day of June, 1844,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 23, Nays, ... 23.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Berrien, Choate, Clayton, Conrad, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Henderson, Huntington, Kerr, Mangum, Merrick, Miller, Morehead, Smith, of Indiana, Tallmadge, White, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Benton, Buchanan, Calhoun, Crafts, Cuthbert, Fulton, King, Linn, McDuffie, McRoberts, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Sprague, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

So,

The motion was disagreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted yesterday by Mr. Walker, in relation to the improvement of the navigation of the Ohio river; and, having been amended, on the motion of Mr. Tappan, was agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to ascertain and report to the next Congress what is the best mode of improving the navigation of the Ohio river at the falls near Louisville, and the probable expense of such improvement.

Mr. Sprague reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills and resolution:

H. R. 375. An act for the relief of Nancy Hambright, widow of Captain John Hambright, deceased;

H. R. 489. An act for the relief of Samuel D. Rose and others;

H. R. 601. An act for the relief of Thomas King;

H. R. 773. An act to continue in force an act therein mentioned, relating to the port of Baltimore;

S. 3. Resolution for the distribution of certain copies of the census returns, and of the Compendium of the Sixth Census.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Clarke, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed six enrolled bills, and two enrolled resolutions, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The President of the United States approved and signed, the 18th instant, the following acts:

H. R. 483. An act for the relief of the owners of the fund received from the British Government as an indemnity for slaves lost from on board the Comet and Encomium at Nassau, Bahamas;

H. R. 603. An act to authorize the enrolment or register of the brig Neuva Granada;

H. R. 707. An act for the relief of William W. Street;

H. R. 29. Joint resolution to establish agencies for water-rotted hemp.

The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 770) to bring into the Treasury moneys received by certain public officers before they can be disbursed, and for other purposes; also a bill (H. R. 782) authorizing the reissue of Treasury notes, and for other purposes; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The bill (S. 12) to indemnify Major General Andrew Jackson for damages sustained in the discharge of his official duty, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

On the question, "Shall this bill pass?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 28, Nays, ... 20.

On motion by Mr. Linn,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Benton, Buchanan, Calhoun, Cuthbert, Fulton, Graham, Henderson, King, Linn, McDuffie, McRoberts, Mangum, Rives, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Sturgeon, Tallmadge, Tappan, Walker, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Berrien, Choate, Clayton, Conrad, Crafts, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Huntington, Kerr, Merrick, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, White, Woodbridge.

On motion by Mr. Graham,

The title was amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that its title be "An act for the indemnity of Major General Andrew Jackson."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

On motion by Mr. Young,

That the Senate proceed to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 614) to repeal the bankrupt act,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 23, Nays, ... 24.

On motion by Mr. Woodbury,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Benton, Buchanan, Calhoun, Cuthbert, Fulton, Huntington, King, Linn, McDuffie, McRoberts, Rives, Smith, of Connecticut, Sprague, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Choate, Clayton, Conrad, Crafts, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Henderson, Kerr, Mangum, Merrick, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Sevier, Smith, of Indiana, Tallmadge, White, Woodbridge.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 659) making appropriations for the naval service for the half calendar year beginning the 1st day of January, and ending the 30th day of June, 1843, and for the fiscal year beginning the 1st day of July, 1843, and ending the 30th day of June, 1844, together with the amendments reported thereto.

On the question to agree to the following amendment:

Page 2, line 41: Strike out the followiug proviso: "*Provided, That hereafter no person shall hold the place of chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, who shall not have had five years of sea service.*"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 27, Nays, ... 7.

On motion by Mr. Merrick,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Bagby, Barrow, Bayard, Benton, Berrien, Buchanan, Calhoun, Choate, Conrad, Crafts, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Kerr, King, Linn, McDuffie, Morehead, Sevier, Sprague, Sturgeon, Tallmadge, Tappan, Wilcox, Young.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Clayton, Henderson, Mangum, Merrick, Miller, Smith, of Indiana, Williams.

So,

The amendment, striking out the proviso, was agreed to.

The bill having been further amended, and other amendments having been proposed:

On motion by Mr. Henderson,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 22, 1843.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a memorial of Ellen Dix, widow of a deceased naval surgeon, praying a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Crittenden presented a memorial of persons engaged in the manufacture of fur hats in Louisville, Ky., praying that foreign hatters' furs may be admitted free of duty; which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Benton preseuted a petition of citizens of St. Louis county, Missouri, praying the right of pre-emption to certain lands in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Benton presented a petition of citizens of Missouri, praying that Cape Girardeau may be made a port of entry; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The President pro tempore signed the six enrolled bills and the enrolled resolution, last reported to have been examined; and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The President pro tempore also signed the resolution (H. R. 35) presenting the thanks of Congress to Samuel T. Washington for the service sword of George Washington and the staff of Benjamin Franklin, presented by him to Congress.

On motion by Mr. Walker,

Ordered, That Ann Eliza Lawrie have leave to withdraw her memorial, and the accompanying papers.

On motion by Mr. Crittenden,

Ordered, That James Taylor have leave to withdraw the documents relating to his claim.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Printing, reported in favor of printing the report of the Secretary of War, showing the contingent expenditures of the military establishment, during the year 1842; and,

Ordered, That the report be printed.

On motion by Mr. Evans,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of the Western Railroad Company, and from the further consideration of the petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, presented the 20th instant, on the subject of the drawback on exported spirits manufactured from foreign molasses.

Mr. Woodbridge, from the Committee on the Library, submitted a report in relation to the bill (S. 128) to provide for the publication of the debates and proceedings of Congress, in a continued series, and to authorize one or more contracts for that purpose; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 734) for the relief of Rebecca Guest, reported it without amendment; and submitted an adverse report on the subject, which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolution (H. R. 30) for continuing an additional clerk in the Second Auditor's office, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Archer, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 753) for the relief of Seth Sweetser, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Walker, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 239) to refund to Charles Holt a fine imposed on him under the sedition law, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 702) for the relief of Samuel Edgecomb, reported it without amendment; and submitted an adverse report, which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom the following bills were referred:

H. R. 435. An act for the relief of Joseph W. Newcomb;

H. R. 639. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of William T. Smith; reported them severally without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims, on the petition of William Morrow; and,

On motion by Mr. Woodbridge,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted yesterday by Mr. Benton, in relation to an annual statement of permanent appropriations; which was amended, on the motion of Mr. Evans, and agreed to as follows:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to append to the publication of the annual appropriations required by law, the amount of standing appropriations reported by the Secretary of the Treasury at the commencement of each session of Congress.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted yesterday by Mr. Walker, in relation to the assumption by the United States of the debts of the several States; and an amendment being proposed by Mr. Bayard,

On motion by Mr. Tallmadge,

That the resolution lie on the table,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 25, Nays, ... 18.

On motion by Mr. Walker,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Berrien, Choate, Clayton, Conrad, Crafts, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Henderson, Huntington, Kerr, Mangum, Merrick, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Tallmadge, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mssers. Allen, Bagby, Benton, Buchanan, Calhoun, Cuthbert, Fulton, King, Linn, McRoberts, Smith, of Connecticut, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

So, it was

Ordered, That the resolution lie on the table.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Clarke, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill (S. 132) for the relief of Asahel Brainard.

They have passed a bill (H. R. 720) "providing the means of future intercourse between the United States and the Government of China;" also a bill (H. R. 806) "directing the survey of the northern line of the reservation for the half-breeds of the Sac and Fox tribes of Indians by the treaty of 4th August, 1824;" in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill (S. 132), I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Sprague reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (S. 132) for the relief of Asahel Brainard.

The President pro tempore signed the enrolled bill (S. 132) last reported to have been examined.

The bills received from the House of Representatives yesterday and this day were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bills numbered 770 and 782 be referred to the Committee on Finance; that the bill numbered 720 be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations; and that the bill numbered 806 be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 659) making appropriations for the naval service for the half calendar year be

ginning the 1st day of January and ending the 30th day of June, 1843, and for the fiscal year beginning the 1st day of July, 1843, and ending the 30th day of June, 1844.

The following amendment, proposed by Mr. Williams, being under consideration:

At the end of line 63 insert: "and the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized and directed to apply one hundred thousand dollars of the appropriation mentioned in the 9th clause of the act of Congress approved on the 4th day of August, 1842, entitled, 'An act making appropriations for the naval service for the year 1842,' and the unexpended balances of former appropriations mentioned in said act' to the construction of a floating dry dock upon the plan preferred by the commissioners appointed for that purpose.'"

A motion was made by Mr. Evans to amend the amendment, by striking out the following words: "upon the plan preferred by the commissioners appointed for that purpose," and inserting: "*upon such plan as upon a re-examination of the subject may be approved by the Secretary of the Navy: Provided, That such floating dry dock, of sufficient capacity to raise a ship of the line, if one of that size be deemed expedient by the Secretary, shall be contracted to be built by persons of sufficient responsibility for a sum not exceeding two hundred thousand dollars; and one of a sufficient capacity to raise a frigate of the first class, if one of that size be deemed sufficient by the Secretary of the Navy, shall be contracted to be built for a sum not exceeding the sum of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, and whichever may be contracted for and agreed upon, one-half of the sum agreed to be paid therefor shall not be paid until the dock is satisfactorily tested by the Secretary of the Navy;*"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 10, Nays, ... 26.

On motion by Mr. Evans,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Bates, Bayard, Clayton, Conrad, Dayton, Evans, Miller, Phelps, Smith, of Indiana.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Barrow, Benton, Berrien, Buchanan, Calhoun, Choate, Crittenden, Cuthbert, Fulton, Graham, Henderson, Kerr, King, Linn, McRoberts, Mangum, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbridge, Woodbury, Young.

So the amendment to the proposed amendment was disagreed to.

On motion by Mr. Graham to amend the proposed amendment, by striking out all after the word "hereby," and inserting: *directed not to apply or expend any part of the appropriation of one hundred thousand dollars, mentioned in the ninth clause of an act of Congress, approved on the fourth day of August, 1842, entitled "An act making appropriations for the naval service for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-two," nor the unexpended balances of former appropriations mentioned in said act, for the construction of a floating dock at Brooklyn or in the harbor of New York, and this shall not be understood as reviving or confirming any authority to proceed with the construction of a dry dock in said harbor, the making of which was provisionally suspended by the said ninth clause of said act; but the said sum of one hundred thousand dollars, appropriated*

as abovementioned, shall be applied to the construction of a floating dock at Pensacola, of capacity for the repair of frigates of the smaller class, and upon such plan as the Secretary of the Navy shall approve.

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 22, Nays, ... 17.

On motion,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Benton, Berrien, Buchanan, Clayton, Conrad, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Henderson, King, Linn, McRoberts, Mangum, Merrick, Miller, Morehead, Smith, of Indiana.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Calhoun, Choate, Crafts, Cuthbert, Fulton, Phelps, Smith, of Connecticut, Sprague, Tallmadge, Tappan, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbridge, Woodbury, Young.

The amendment as amended was then agreed to.

The bill, having been amended, was reported to the Senate.

On the question to concur in the amendment proposed by Mr. Williams, as amended on the motion of Mr. Graham;

A motion was made by Mr. Tallmadge, to amend the amendment, by striking out all after the word "hereby," and inserting: "*directed to apply one hundred thousand dollars of the appropriation mentioned in the ninth clause of an act of Congress, approved on the fourth day of August,* 1842, *entitled "An act making appropriations for the naval service for the year* 1842," *and the unexpended balances of former appropriations mentioned in said act, to the construction of a floating dry dock at Brooklyn, New York, upon the plan preferred by the commissioners appointed for that purpose; and if the said dock prove satisfactory to the Secretary of the Navy, then the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized to construct a similar dock at Pensacola of a proper size for frigates of the smallest class, at a sum not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars, and the same sum is hereby appropriated for that purpose.*"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 17, Nays, ... 22.

On motion by Mr. Calhoun,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Calhoun, Choate, Crafts, Cuthbert, Fulton, Kerr, Smith, of Indiana, Tallmadge, Tappan, Walker, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Benton, Berrien, Buchanan, Clayton, Conrad, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Henderson, Huntington, Linn, McRoberts, Mangum, Merrick, Miller, Morehead, Phelps.

The amendments made in Committee of the Whole was then concurred in.

The residue of the amendments having been concurred in,

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 614) to repeal the bankrupt act; and,

On motion by Mr. Bates,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1843.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting further documents relating to the execution of the bankrupt law; which was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of State, made agreeably to law, showing the number and designation of passengers who have arrived from foreign countries in each collection district of the United States, during the year 1842; which was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Sturgeon presented a petition of the Philadelphia Female Anti-Slavery Society, protesting against the admission of Florida and Texas into the Union; also, a petition from the same, praying the repeal of all laws which sanction in any manner the existence of slavery.

A motion was made that the petitions be received, and, being objected to,

On motion by Mr. Graham,

Ordered, That the motion lie on the table.

Mr. Allen submitted the following resolution; which was considered by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President be requested to cause to be laid before the Senate, at the commencement of the next Congress, a complete catalogue of all books, (records and public documents excepted,) atlases, maps, and files of public journals, and newspapers, belonging to the Government in the State, Treasury, War, Navy, and Post Office Departments, or in the bureaus and offices of such departments, and in the office of the Attorney General; the whole to be properly arranged and designated under their appropriate heads by titles, subjects, dates, and languages, after the manner of catalogues of the Library of Congress; and the catalogues from each of the Departments to be made out separately, and each giving the particular bureau or office in which such books, atlases, maps, and files are kept.

Mr. Smith, of Indiana, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom were referred the resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of Alabama, presented the 9th instant, reported a bill (S. 138) regulating the mode of paying over to the State of Alabama the two per cent. fund relinquished to that State; which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Smith, of Indiana, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 136) granting land to the several States for the education of the deaf, dumb, and blind, and for the relief of insane persons, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Graham, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 428) for the relief of the legal representative of Robert T. Spence, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Graham, from the Committee of Claims, to whom the following bills were referred:

H. R. 729. An act for the relief of John Hodgkin;

H. R. 749. An act for the relief of Samuel Weller; reported them, severally, without amendment.

On motioh by Mr. Huntington,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of the board of trade of the city of Pittsburg, for a marine hospital.

Mr. Graham, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 587) for the relief of the legal representatives of Lieutenant F. W. Smith, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Huntington, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom the following bills were referred:

H. R. 404. An act for the relief of Robert T. Norris;

H. R. 611. An act to provide for the erection of a marine hospital at Key West, in the Territory of Florida; reported them severally without amendment, and that they ought not to pass.

Mr. Huntington also submitted a report on the subject of the bill (H. R. 404) for the relief of Robert T. Norris; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Huntington, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom the memorials relating to the subject were referred, reported a bill (S. 139) making an appropriation to continue the improvement of the navigation of the river Thames, in the State of Connecticut; which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Huntington, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was recommitted the bill (H. R. 722) to reduce the number and compensation of the officers and others employed at the port of New York, reported it with an amendment; which was read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Huntington, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred so much of the annual report of the Secretary of the Treasury as relates to the warehouse system, his letter, with the papers accompanying it on the same subject, the memorials of the chamber of commerce of the city of New Orleans, praying the establishment of a warehouse system, submitted a report; which was considered by unanimous consent; and,

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

Ordered, That it lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. King submitted the views of the minority of the Committee on Commerce on the same subject; and,

Ordered, That they be printed.

Mr. Hungtington, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 762) to amend an act, entitled "An act making an appropriation for the erection of a marine hospital at or near Ocracoke, North Carolina," reported it with an amendment; which was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole, with the amendment reported thereto; and, having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The amendment to the said bill having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time, as amended.

Resolved, That the said bill pass, with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

Mr. Berrien, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 767) amendatory of an act establishing the branch mint at Dahlonega, Georgia, and defining the duties of assayer and coiner, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill, as in Committee of the Whole, together with the amendment reported thereto; and, having been amended, the bill was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The amendment to the said bill having been reported by the committee, correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time, as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Buchanan asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 140) to provide for holding circuit courts at Williamsport, in the western district of Pennsylvania; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Printing, reported against printing the memorial of the Stockbridge nation of Indians; and,

The report was concurred in.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Clarke, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives insist on their amendment, disagreed to by the Senate, to the bill (H. R. 645) making appropriations for the support of the army and of the military academy, and for armories, arsenals, arms, and munitions of war and surveys, for the half calendar year ending the 30th day of June, 1843, and for the fiscal year beginning the 1st day of July, 1843, and ending the 30th day of June, 1844. They agree to the conference asked by the Senate, and have appointed Mr. R. W. Thompson, Mr. Holmes, and Mr. Allen, managers at the same on their part.

The House of Representatives have passed the following bills:

H. R. 350. An act to repeal so much of the "act making an appropriation for the temporary support of certain destitute Kickapoo Indians," &c., as relates to the payment of clerks charged with the business of the Chickasaws;

H. R. 660. An act making appropriations for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes, and for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department for the half calendar year beginning the 1st day of January, and ending the 30th day of June, 1843, and for the fiscal year beginning the 1st day of July, 1843, and ending the 30th day of June, 1844;

H. R. 670. An act making appropriations for certain fortifications of the the United States for the half calendar year beginning on the 1st day of January, and ending on the 30th day of June, 1843, and for the fiscal year beginning on the 1st day of July, 1843, and ending on the 30th day of June, 1844;

H. R. 738. An act authorizing an examination and survey of the harbor of Memphis, Tennessee;

H. R. 748. An act making appropriations for the payment of navy pensions due on the 1st day of July, 1843, and on the 1st day of January, 1844;

H. R. 788. An act regulating the mode of paying over to the State of Alabama the two per cent. fund relinquished to said State by the act approved on the 4th day of September, 1841;

H. R. 798. An act for the relief of John P. Schuyler;

H. R. 803. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Antoine Vasques and others;

H. R. 811. An act for the relief of John Everly;

H. R. 816. An act amendatory of the act entitled, "An act for the relief of sick and disabled seamen;"

H. R. 602. An act to modify the act entitled, "An act to provide for the better security of the lives of passengers on board of vessels propelled in whole or in part by steam," approved July 7, 1838;

H. R. 641. An act to test the practicability of establishing a system of electro-magnetic telegraphs by the United States; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The bills this day received from the House of Representatives were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bills numbered 660, 670, and 748, be referred to the Committee on Finance; that the bills numbered 602, 641, and 816, be referred to the Committee on Commerce; that the bill numbered 738 be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs; that the bill numbered 350 be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs; that the bill numbered 788 be referred to the Committee on Public Lands; that the bill numbered 803 be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims; and that bills numbered 798 and 811 be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Sprague reported from the Committee that they had this day presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills and resolution:

S. 95. An act altering the times of holding the circuit court of the United States for the district of Connecticut;

S. 132. An act for the relief of Asahel Brainard;

H. R. 375. An act for the relief of Nancy Hambright, widow of Captain John Hambright, deceased;

H. R. 489. An act for the relief of Samuel D. Rose and others;

H. R. 601. An act for the relief of Thomas King;

H. R. 743. An act for the relief of certain companies of Michigan militia;

H. R. 773. An act to continue in force an act therein mentioned relating to the port of Baltimore;

H. R. 783. An act to amend an act entitled, "An act for the relief of George Mayfield," approved July 27, 1842;

S. 3. Resolution for the distribution of certain copies of the census returns and of the Compendium of the Sixth Census.

The amendments to the bill (H. R. 659) making appropriations for the naval service for the half calendar year beginning the 1st day of January, and ending the 30th day of June, 1843, and for the fiscal year beginning the 1st day of July, 1843, and ending the 30th day of June, 1844, having been reported by the committee, correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time.

On motion by Mr. Benton,

That the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to strike out so much of each appropriation as is intended to support the squadron on the coast of Africa under the stipulations of the treaty of August 9, with Great Britain,

A motion was made by Mr. Bagby to amend the proposed instructions, by adding thereto: "and also that part of the bill which relates to the support of recaptured Africans on the coast of Africa."

And the question being taken on the proposed amendment,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 5,
Nays, ... 36.

On motion by Mr. Bagby,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Benton, McRoberts, Smith, of Connecticut.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Berrien, Buchanan, Calhoun, Choate, Conrad, Crafts, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Fulton, Henderson, Huntington, Kerr, King, Linn, McDuffie, Mangum, Merrick, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Porter, Rives, Sevier, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Tallmadge, White, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbridge, Woodbury.

The question recurring on the motion to recommit, with instructions,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 4, Nays, ... 36.

On motion by Mr. Evans,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Benton, Linn, Smith, of Connecticut.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Berrien, Calhoun, Choate, Clayton, Conrad, Crafts, Crittenden, Cuthbert, Dayton, Evans, Fulton, Henderson, Huntington, Kerr, King, McDuffie, Mangum, Merrick, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Porter, Rives, Sevier, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Tallmadge, Tappan, White, Wilcox, Woodbridge, Woodbury.

So, the motion to recommit the bill, with instructions, was disagreed to.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

On motion by Mr. Buchanan,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (S. 58) on its third reading, for the relief of the West Feliciana Railroad Company and of the Grand Gulf Railroad and Banking Company; and,

On motion by Mr. Henderson,

The bill was amended, by unanimous consent, by striking out the second section; and the title was amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act for the relief of the West Feliciana Railroad Company."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

Mr. Berrien, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 140) to provide for holding circuit courts at Williamsport, in the western district of Pennsylvania, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill, as in Committee of the Whole; and, no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bill having been reported by the committee, correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that its title be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 648) for the relief of Jacob White; and, no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 24, 1843.

Mr. Young presented a resolution passed by the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress, to use their exertions to procure an appropriation for removing obstructions to the navigation of the western rivers.

Ordered, That it lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Young presented a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, praying a reduction of the rates of letter postage.

Ordered, That it lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Young presented a resolution passed by the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress, to use their exertions to effect a repeal of the duty on salt.

Ordered, That it lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Young presented a resolution passed by the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress, to use their exertions to effect a settlement of the right of jurisdiction over the Oregon Territory.

Ordered, That it lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Young presented a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, praying that the right of pre emption may be extended to actual settlers on the public lands without restriction, and a reduction of the price of such lands as have been fifteen years in the market.

Ordered, That it lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Young presented three petitions of citizens of Illinois, praying the establishment of a mail route from Napierville to Ottawa, in that State; which were referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Tallmadge presented a memorial of citizens of Wisconsin Territory, praying the passage of a law limiting the term of service of the members of the House of Representatives of that Territory to two years; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Tallmadge presented a memorial of citizens of Albany, New York, remonstrating against the annexation of Texas to the Union; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Tallmadge presented a petition of citizens of Orleans county, New York, proposing a plan of a fiscal agent of the Government; which was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Tallmadge, that it be printed,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Williams presented a petition of citizens of the State of Maine, praying an increase of the duties on imported fish and lumber; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Tappan presented a petition of citizens of Jefferson and Brooke counties, Virginia, praying the establishment of a mail route from Steuben-

ville, Ohio, to Washington borough, Pennsylvania; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Evans submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That, on and after Monday next, the daily hour of meeting shall be ten o'clock, and that the Senate will take a recess each day from three to five o'clock, P. M.

Mr. Benton submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the President be requested, if compatible with his sense of the public interest, to communicate to the Senate a copy of the despatch received from Mr. Everett, dated the 3d of February instant; also a copy of the despatch of Lord Aberdeen, of December, 1841, to the American Secretary of State, and a copy of the answer, if any, which was given by the American Secretary to that despatch.

Mr. Bayard presented a memorial of Thomas Harris, and other surgeons in the navy, praying that the pay of surgeons as now established by law may not be reduced; which was referred to the Committee on Retrenchment.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee on Finance, to whom the following bills were referred:

H. R. 660. An act making appropriations for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes, and for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department for the half calendar year beginning the 1st day of January and ending the 30th day of June, 1843, and for the fiscal year beginning the 1st day of July, 1843, and ending the 30th day of June, 1844;

H. R. 670. An act making appropriations for certain fortifications of the United States for the half calendar year beginning on the 1st day of January and ending on the 30th day of June, 1843, and for the fiscal year beginning on the first day of July, 1843, and ending on the 30th day of June, 1844;

H. R. 748. An act making appropriations for the payment of navy pensions, due on the 1st day of July, 1843, and on the 1st day of January, 1844; reported them severally without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Allen,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H. R. 286) granting an increase of pension to Isaac Plummer; and from the further consideration of the bill (H. R. 454) for the relief of Asa Davis.

Mr. Allen, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 755) granting a pension to John Cary, a free man of color, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Graham, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom the following bills were referred:

H. R. 736. An act in favor of Frances M. Lewis, widow of William Lewis;

H. R. 737. An act in favor of Mary Neale; reported them severally without amendment, and that they ought not to pass.

Mr. Bayard, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 738) authorizing an examination and survey of the harbor of Memphis, in Tennessee, reported it without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Bayard,

Ordered, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of Ellen Dix.

Mr. Berrien, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 668) to authorize the election or appointment of officers in the Territory of Wisconsin, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Bates, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 368) for the relief of Nancy Byrd, widow of Baylord Byrd, a revolutionary soldier, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bates, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 533) for the relief of Abraham Van Horne, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bagby, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 754) for the relief of Hannah Jenkins, widow of James Jenkins, deceased, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Henderson, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom the following bills were referred:

H. R. 739. An act for the relief of John McGinnis, a soldier in the late war;

H. R. 742. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of John Peters, deceased; reported them severally without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of James Trimble, and that it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Sevier, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 528) for the relief of George Rouch, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report on the subject.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and,

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Resolved, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Smith, of Indiana, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 788) regulating the mode of paying over to the State of Alabama the two per cent. fund relinquished to the said State by the act approved on the 4th day of September, 1841, reported it with amendments, which were read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill, as in Committee of the Whole; and, having been amended, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, on the petition of Scott Campbell; and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be rejected.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Indian Affairs on the memorial of the administrator of William H. Hunter; and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be rejected.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 543) for the relief of Joseph Hover and Abelard Guthrie, to-

gether with the amendments reported thereto; and, having been amended, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 582) for the relief of Mary Williams, widow of Jacob Williams, deceased, with the amendment reported thereto; and, having been amended, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 30) for the relief of Ardre Spear, widow of John Spear, late an invalid pensioner; and,

On motion by Mr. Phelps,

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 355) for the relief of William Allen; and, having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 14) to continue in force the act for the final adjustment of private land claims in Missouri, approved July 9, 1832, and the act supplementary thereto, approved March 2, 1833; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills:

H. R. 381. An act for the relief of David W. Haley;

H. R. 373. An act for the relief of Richard Marsh;

H. R. 551. An act granting a pension to Robert Poindexter, of Kentucky;

H. R. 534. An act granting a pension to John Peak;

H. R. 365. An act for the relief of Carter B. Chandler; and,

Resolved, That they be postponed indefinitely.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 369) for the relief of Alice Usher; and,

On motion by Mr. King,

That it be postponed indefinitely,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 20, Nays, ... 19.

On motion by Mr. King,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Bagby, Bayard, Benton, Calhoun, Cuthbert, Fulton, Henderson, King, Linn, McRoberts, Mangum, Smith, of Connecticut, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Williams, Woodbury, Young.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Bates, Berrien, Choate, Clayton, Conrad, Crittenden, Evans, Huntington, Kerr, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Porter, Sevier, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Tallmadge, Wilcox, Woodbridge.

So it was,

Resolved, That this bill be postponed indefinitely.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills:

H. R. 389. An act for the relief of William G. Sanders;

H. R. 491. An act for the relief of John Wharry;

H. R. 358. An act for the relief of Benjamin J. Totten;

H. R. 360. An act granting to James Lowe, one thousand dollars and a section of land;

H. R. 359. An act for relief of Mary Crawford; and no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said bills were severally read a third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Clarke, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives concur in the amendments of the Senate to the following bills:

H. R. 762. An act making an appropriation for the erection of a marine hospital at or near Ocracoke, North Carolina;

H. R. 767. An act amendatory of an act establishing the branch mint at Dahlonega, Georgia, and defining the duties of assayer and coiner.

The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 651) regulating the taking of testimony in cases of contested elections, and for other purposes; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Tyler, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States this day approved and signed the following acts:

An act for the relief of Asahel Brainard;

An act altering the times of holding the circuit court of the United States for the district of Connecticut;

Resolution for the distribution of certain copies of the census returns, and of the Compendium of the Sixth Census.

Mr. Williams reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled, the following bills:

H. R. 648. An act for the relief of Jacob White;

H. R. 762. An act to amend an act, entitled "An act making an appropriation for the erection of a marine hospital at or near Ocracoke, in North Carolina.

H. R. 767. An act amendatory of an act establishing the branch mint at Dahlonega, Georgia, and defining the duties of assayer and coiner.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 1) to repeal the bankrupt law; and,

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of Whole, the bill (H. R. 614) to repeal the bankrupt act, together with the amendment reported thereto; and, after debate,

An amendment to the amendment having been proposed by Mr. Walker,

On motion by Mr. Berrien,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Conrad,

Ordered, That the amendment proposed by Mr. Walker be printed.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate, upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, on the amendment of the Senate to the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the army and of the military academy, and for armories, arsenals, arms, and munitions of war, and surveys, for the half calendar year, ending the 30th day of June, 1843, and for the fiscal year beginning the 1st day of July, 1843, and ending the 30th day of June, 1844," reported that they have met the committee on the part of the House, and after free and full conference upon the subject of said disagreeing votes, the said committees have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses, that the House of Representatives recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate to said bill, and agree to said amendment, and that the Senate adhere to its said amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said report; and,

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Tyler, his Secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

I transmit to the Senate, in answer to their resolution of the 20th of December, and of the 9th instant, the enclosed copies of papers from the Department of State, with an accompanying list.

JOHN TYLER.

WASHINGTON, *February* 24, 1843.

The message was read.

On motion by Mr. Benton, and by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That it be printed, with the accompanying papers.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, stating the cause which has delayed the communication of the annual report on the commerce and navigation of the United States; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to receive the report in the recess of the Senate, and that fifteen hundred copies, in addition to the usual number, be printed for the use of the Senate.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate the following reports:

1. Report of the Secretary of War, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, accompanied by a memorandum of an agreement entered into between the Secretary of War and Robert Fulton.

2. Report of the Secretary of the Treasury, exhibiting the official emoluments and expenditures of the officers of the customs for the year 1842.

The reports were read, and by unanimous consent, ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Young,

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of War, communicating the

contract with Robert Fulton, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The bill (H. R. 651) regulating the taking of testimony in cases of contested elections, and for other purposes, was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The amendments to the following bills having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bills were read a third time.

H. R. 355. A bill for the relief of William Allen;

H. R. 582. An act for the relief of Mary Williams, widow of Jacob Williams, deceased.

H. R. 788. An act regulating the mode of paying over to the State of Alabama the two per cent. fund relinquished to said State by the act approved on the 4th day of September, 1841.

Resolved, That the said bills pass, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The amendment to the bill (H. R. 543) for the relief of Joseph Hover and Abelard Guthrie, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time, as amended; and the title was amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1843.

Mr. Linn presented a resolution passed by the Legislature of the State of Missouri, approving the course pursued by the Senators of that State in relation to refunding the fine imposed on General Jackson by Judge Hall, in 1815.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Linn presented the petition of Martin Fenwick, praying the confirmation of his title to a tract of land; which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Bagby submitted the following resolution; which was consi dered by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President be requested to communicate to the Senate, at the commencement of the next session of Congress, a statement showing the annual amount of the appropriations for the support of recaptured Africans from the commencement of such appropriations to the present time; also, the annual number of recaptured Africans who have had the benefit of such appropriations; also, the number of such recaptured Africans now in the Liberia colony; also, the manner and form, and by what agent, and at what expense the money so appropriated has been applied to its object, and how accounted for; also, a copy of the accounts showing the expenditure of such moneys for the year 1842, if rendered for that year, and if not, then for the last year for which such accounts may have been rendered, and whether there is reason to believe any other than recaptured Africans receive any benefit from said appropriations.

Mr. Wright, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred

the bill (H. R. 641) to test the practicability of establishing a system of electro-magnetic telegraphs by the United States, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of the legal representatives of Charles M. Thurston, submitted an adverse report; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Brinton Paine, submitted an adverse report; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the petition of the heir of William Williams, submitted an adverse report; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 441) for the relief of Silvia Underwood, mother of Lieutenant Underwood, deceased, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Crittenden,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of resolutions of the General Assembly of Arkansas, presented the 6th February; from the further consideration of the memorial of the General Assembly of Indiana, presented the 2d instant, and referred the 16th instant; from the further consideration of the bill (S. 54) for the relief of certain companies of Missouri volunteers, commanded by Captains Pollard, Sconce, Atchison, Crawford, and Harrison; and from the further consideration of the memorial of Alvin C. Goell.

Mr. Huntington, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 816) amendatory of an act for the relief of sick and disabled seamen, reported it without amendment.

The said bill (H. R. 816) was considered, as in Committee of the Whole, and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Williams reported, from the Committee on Printing, against printing the report of the Second Auditor, presented the 18th instant.

Mr. Huntington, from the Committee on Commerce, reported the bill (H. R. 602) to modify the act, entitled "An act to provide for the better security of the lives of passengers on board of vessels propelled in whole or in part by steam," approved July 7th, 1838, reported it with an amendment; which was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted yesterday by Mr. Benton, in relation to certain despatches; and agreed thereto.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, on the memorial of the legal representatives of Benjamin Harrison; and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the memorialist be rejected.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the claim of Aaron Payne; and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the claim be rejected.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, on the petition of Markham Tristoe; and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Evans yesterday, to change the hour of meeting of the Senate, and to take a daily recess; and,

A division was called for by Mr. Bayard; and the question being taken on agreeing to the following:

"*Resolved*, That on and after Monday next the daily hour of meeting shall be ten o'clock."

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 29, Nays, ... 2.

On motion by Mr. Barrow,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Bagby, Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Benton, Calhoun, Choate, Clayton, Crafts, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Fulton, Huntington, Kerr, Linn, McRoberts, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Smith, of Connecticut, Smith, of Indiana, Sturgeon, Tappan, Williams, Woodbury, Wright.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Merrick, and Mr. Tallmadge.

The question being put on agreeing to the residue of the resolution:

It was determined in the negative.

So, it was

Resolved, That, on and after Monday next, the daily hour of meeting shall be ten o'clock.

The bill (S. 31) regulating the currency of foreign gold and silver coin in the United States, was resumed, as in Committee of the Whole; and, having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The bill (S. 134) to fix the value of certain moneys of account in computations at the customhouses, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and, having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 62) to authorize the making of permanent contracts for the transportation of the United States mail upon railroads; and

On motion by Mr. Bates,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider the following bills, as in Committee of the Whole:

H. R. 620. An act for the relief of John Core;

H. R. 622. An act for the relief of Thomas D. Gilson;

H. R. 633. An act for the relief of John E. Hunt;

H. R. 638. An act for the relief of Robert G. Ford;

H. R. 654. An act for the relief of William Fabre; and, no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said bills were severally read a third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 637) for the relief of George Randall, John C. Haskell, and Elisha H. Holmes, together with the amendment reported thereto; and, having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The amendment to the said bill having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

The bill (S. 128) to provide for the publication of the debates and proceedings of Congress in a continued series, and to authorize one or more contracts for that purpose, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. Wright,

That it lie on the table:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 18, Nays, ... 23.

On motion by Mr. Archer,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Benton, Calhoun, Cuthbert, Fulton, Linn, McDuffie, McRoberts, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Sturgeon, Tappan, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Berrien, Choate, Clayton, Crafts, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Henderson, Huntington, Kerr, Mangum, Merrick, Miller, Phelps, Porter, Smith, of Indiana, Tallmadge, Woodbridge.

On motion by Mr. Bayard,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to Monday next.

The following bills having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, were severally read a third time:

S. 14. A bill to continue in force the act for the final adjustment of private land claims in Missouri, approved 9th July, 1832, and the act supplemental thereto, approved 2d March, 1833;

S. 31. A bill regulating the currency of foreign gold and silver coins in the United States.

S. 134. A bill to fix the value of certain moneys of account in computations at the customhouses.

Resolved, That the said bills pass, and that their respective titles be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Clarke, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a resolution (H. R. 37) directing payment of the certificates or awards issued by the commissioners under the treaty with the Cherokee Indians; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed several enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 614) to repeal the bankrupt act; together with the amendment reported thereto.

On motion by Mr. Walker,

To amend the reported amendment, by adding thereto the following:

"SEC. . *And be it further enacted,* That whenever any incorporated banking company, of which a State is not proprietor, shall fail, upon presentment to said bank of any of its notes, drafts, or bills, to pay and redeem the same in specie, said failure shall be regarded as an act of bankruptcy; and the holder of said note, draft, or bill, so neglected to be paid as aforesaid, may, upon affidavit of the facts, sworn to by said individual, and at least two disinterested witnesses, proceed against said company as bankrupts, as in other cases specified in this act, and the same proceedings shall be had, as in other cases, except that no certificate of discharge shall be deemed necessary or proper to be given to any stockholder of said company, except in cases where such stockholders may be personally responsible for the debts of such company, and in such case, said stockholders shall be discharged upon the same terms and restrictions as in other cases of final discharge authorized by this act."

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 18, Nays, ... 24.

On motion by Mr. Walker,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Bates, Benton, Buchanan, Choate, Crafts, Evans, King, Linn, McRoberts, Sturgeon, Tallmadge, Tappan, Walker, Williams, Woodbury, Wright.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Calhoun, Clayton, Conrad, Crittenden, Cuthbert, Dayton, Fulton, Graham, Henderson, Huntington, Kerr, McDuffie, Mangum, Merrick, Miller, Phelps, Rives, Sevier, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, White, Wilcox.

The question recurring on agreeing to the amendment reported by the committee, as follows:

Strike out all the bill after the enacting clause, and insert the following:

"*That so much of the first section of an act, entitled "An act to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States," approved on the nineteenth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and forty-one, as authorizes any person whatsoever, residing in any State, District, or Territory of the United States, owing debts which shall not have been created in consequence of a defalcation as a public officer, or as executor, administrator, guardian, or trustee, or while acting in any other fiduciary capacity, to present to the proper court, in the said act specified, a*

petition for the benefit of the same, and to proceed to a final decree thereon, shall from and after the day of next, be repealed: Provided always, That such repeal shall not operate to prevent the proceeding in, hearing, and final determination, of any case under the said act which may be pending and undetermined when such repeal shall take effect; but all and every such case shall be proceeded in, heard, and finally determined, and the property and effects of the debtor shall be collected and distributed in the same manner as if the aforesaid provisions of the said act remained unrepealed, and in full force: And provided further, That all offenders punishable under the said act, for any act committed and done during the continuance of the same; and all penalties incurred under the same, shall and may be prosecuted and punished, and the said penalties may be enforced, in like manner, and as fully and effectually, as if the aforesaid provisions of the said act remained unrepealed and in full force: Provided further, That no rights which may have, or which may be acquired under the said act, shall be impaired, or in anywise affected, by the repeal of the aforementioned provisions of the said act.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That if any person residing in any State, District, or Territory of the United States, owing debts which shall not have been created by defalcation as a public officer, or as executor, administrator, guardian, or trustee, or while acting in any other fiduciary capacity, shall file in the office of the clerk of the district court of the district in which he resides, a declaration signed by such person, and attested by an attorney or councellor-at-law, that he is insolvent, and unable to pay his debts and engagements, with a list of his creditors, their respective places of residence, and the amount due to each, together with an accurate inventory of his property, rights, and credits of every name, kind, and description; and the location and situation of each, and every parcel and portion thereof, according to the best of his knowledge and belief, verified by oath, or if conscientiously scrupulous of taking an oath, by solemn affirmation; the said clerk, or his deputy, shall sign a memorandum that such declaration has been filed, which memorandum, so signed, shall be a sufficient authority for the printer of any gazette appointed by the court for the publication of proceedings in bankruptcy in the said district, to insert an advertisement of such declaration therein; and every such declaration shall, after such advertisement inserted as aforesaid, be an act of bankruptcy committed by such person at the time when such declaration was filed; and it shall and may be lawful for the said court, after the expiration of eight days from the insertion of such advertisement, and within two calendar months after the insertion of the same, on the petition of any one creditor whose debt shall amount to three hundred dollars, or of any number of creditors whose debts shall collectively amount to the sum of five hundred dollars, to adjudge and decree such person to be a bankrupt from the day of such declaration filed; and the subsequent proceedings under such decree shall be the same as are provided in the act hereinbefore referred to, approved the nineteenth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and forty-one, as altered and modified by this act; and no such decree shall be deemed invalid by reason of such declaration having been concerted or agreed upon between the bankrupt and any creditor or other person.*

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted, That from and after the filing of the petition specified in the preceding section against any debtor, having made*

a declaration of insolvency in terms of this act, the person of such debtor shall not be liable to arrest on mesne or final process, nor shall the property or effects of such debtor be liable to be levied on under execution, or attached during the pendency of such proceedings in bankruptcy against him.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted, That if any merchant, or other person residing within the United States, actually using the trade of merchandise, by buying and selling, in gross or by retail, or dealing in exchange, or as a banker, broker, factor, underwriter, or marine insurer, shall, with intent unlawfully to delay, or defraud his or her creditors, depart from the State in which such person usually resides, or remain absent therefrom, or conceal him or herself therein, or keep his or her house, or depart from his or her dwellinghouse, so that he or she can not be taken or served with process, or willingly or fraudulently procure him or herself to be arrested, or his or her lands, goods, money, or chattels, to be attached, distrained, sequestered, or taken in execution, or shall secretly convey his or her goods out of his or her house, or conceal them to prevent their being taken in execution, or make, or cause to be made, either within the United States or elsewhere, any fraudulent conveyance of his or her lands, or any fraudulent conveyance, bill of sale, or other written transfer of his or her chattels, or make or admit any false or fraudulent security or evidence of debt, or shall, according to the understanding of mercantile men, have generally stopped payment; or being arrested for debt on mesne process in any civil action for the sum of one hundred dollars or upward, founded on a demand which is provable according to the provisions of this act, or the act to which this is amendatory, against the estate of such person under any proceeding in bankruptcy, shall not pay the same, or give bail therein, on or before the return day of such process, or being arrested on mesne process, or execution, or having surrendered himself in discharge of bail, shall remain actually in prison for more than thirty days, under such arrest or surrender, in any such action for any such sum, or shall make an escape therefrom, or whose lands or effects being attached by process issuing out of, or returnable to, any court of common law, in any civil action for a debt or debts for the sum of one hundred dollars or upward, provable under this act, or the act to which this is amendatory, against the estate of such person under any proceeding in bankruptcy, shall not, within two months after written notice thereof, enter special bail, and dissolve the same; or in districts in which attachments are not dissolved by the entry of special bail, shall not, upon notice of such attachment, give sufficient security for the payment of what may be recovered in the suit in which he or she shall be arrested, at or before the return day of the same, to be approved by the judge of the district, or some judge of the court out of which the process issued upon which he is arrested, or to which the same shall be returnable, or shall procure a credit, or obtain goods, merchandise, stocks, or securities, by means of false pretences or representations, and with intent to cheat, or shall make any payment, conveyance, or transfer of property, or any agreement, or give any security, in contemplation of bankruptcy, and for the purpose of giving any person any preference or priority over the general creditors of such bankrupt, every such person shall be deemed and adjudged to have thereby committed an act of bankruptcy; and in the said case of arrest, or lying in prison, or neglecting to dissolve attachments by the entry of special bail, or giving security as aforesaid, from the time of such arrest, lying in prison, or at-*

tachment: Provided, That farmers, graziers, drovers, dyers, bleachers, shoemakers, carpenters, ship-carpenters, butchers, tailors, bakers, schoolmasters, tanners, innkeepers, or any artificers, whose living is substantially gotten by mechanical labor, or otherwise than by buying and selling, though with some mixture of buying and selling, shall not, as such only, be deemed or taken to be within the provisions of this section of this act: And provided, That no mercantile concern or copartnership shall be liable to a decree of bankruptcy against the persons composing such concern or copartnership in their joint and copartnership character, unless for some act or acts so committed and done by such copartnership as by law would render an individual person liable to such decree; nor shall the court be authorized, on a declaration of insolvency by any number of copartners less than the whole which compose the copartnership, and the petition of a creditor thereon as hereinbefore provided for, to render a decree of bankruptcy against such copartnership: And provided, further, That no person shall be liable to a decree of bankruptcy if the petition be not preferred, in manner hereinafter directed, within months after the act of bankruptcy committed.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted, That when any person liable to be made a bankrupt, according to the provisions of the preceding section of this act, shall, after this act shall have come into effect, execute any conveyance or assignment, by deed, to a trustee or trustees, of all his estate and effects, for the benefit of all or of any of the creditors of such person, the execution of such deed shall be deemed an act of bankruptcy, if a petition to have such person declared a bankrupt be filed within three calendar months from the execution thereof, by such person, but not otherwise: Provided, That such deed shall, in no case, be valid, unless it be for the benefit of all his creditors, without preference or priority, nor unless the same shall be executed by every such trustee, within fifteen days after the execution thereof by such person, and that notice be given within two months after the execution thereof by such person in some newspaper published in the district where such person resides, and designated by the proper court for the publication of notices in bankruptcy, and that the publication of such notice shall be continued for three weeks, and such notice shall contain the date and execution of such deed, and the name and place of abode, respectively, of every such trustee.*

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted, That the assignees of the bankrupt's estate and effects shall hereafter be chosen by the major part in value of the creditors whose separate debts amount to one hundred dollars or upward, and who have proved their debts, at such times, and under such rules and regulations as the court, in which any proceeding in bankruptcy may be pending, shall prescribe: Provided, That such court shall have power on cause shown to remove such assignee; and upon such removal, another assignee shall be chosen in manner aforesaid.*

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted, That no final certificate or discharge shall hereafter be allowed and granted to any bankrupt, unless he shall, before the allowance of the same, file in the office of the clerk of the court in which the proceedings against him are pending, the written consent of a majority in value of the creditors of such bankrupt (who have each proved debts under the proceeding in bankruptcy against him to the amount of one hundred dollars or upward), to the allowance of such certificate and discharge, and shall also file therewith, his oath or affirmation, in writing, declaring that such consent of his creditors was obtained without fraud, and*

unless it shall appear to the court, after hearing the parties, that such certificate and discharge ought to be allowed; and any creditor who has proved his debt under the proceeding in bankruptcy against such bankrupt, may be heard against the allowance of the same, and shall have like right of appeal from the decision of the court, and of demand of trial by jury, in any such case, as is given to the bankrupt by the act to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States, which is now in force: Provided, That the provisions of this section shall not apply to any case in bankruptcy which shall be pending and undetermined on the day of next.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted, That when a decree in bankruptcy shall be rendered against one or more members of any mercantile firm or copartnership, in his or their individual capacity, the separate estate or estates, of such bankrupt or bankrupts, and that or those only shall be vested in the assignee appointed in such case, and in decrees of bankruptcy rendered in different districts against individuals composing a copartnership or other joint debtors, the joint estate shall vest in the assignee resident in the district where the joint estate of such bankrupt is situated, without regard to the order of time in which the respective decrees of bankruptcy may have been rendered, and the proper court shall make the necessary order for transferring to the appropriate assignee every such decree of bankruptcy; and in every case after the passing of this act, the estate and effects of each and every person declared a bankrupt by a decree of the proper court, shall vest in the assignee from the day of the petition filed in such case.*

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted, That the courts having jurisdiction in bankruptcy, after a petition filed, shall have and may exercise equitable jurisdiction for the purpose of securing, taking into possession, or if necessary, ordering to sale, any property or rights of property of the bankrupt, to which the assignee might become entitled on a decree of bankruptcy; and amendments to proceedings in bankruptcy may be allowed to the like extent, as in suits at law, or in equity.*

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted, That all questions arising in any proceeding in bankruptcy, and all orders necessary in the progress of the same, except for a decree of bankruptcy or final discharge, may be heard before, and given by a commissioner of bankruptcy in the district where the bankrupt resides, with a right of summary appeal from his decision to the district judge, who shall designate competent persons, as occasion may require, to execute the aforegoing powers, and from time to time prescribe such rules and orders for carrying this provision into effect as he may deem necessary.*

SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted, That debts may be proved under any proceeding in bankruptcy, by foreign creditors, before any minister, consul, or commercial agent of the United States, resident in the same foreign country with the creditor, or before a commission appointed by the court for the purpose; and such debts may be proved in the United States, before commissioners appointed by any circuit court to take affidavits in civil cases, and for other purposes, and residing in the same district with the creditor or the witness who proves the debts.*

SEC. 12. *And be it further enacted, That notices in the course of any proceeding in bankruptcy may be served on foreign creditors by publication in one or more public newspapers, under the direction of the proper*

court, or personally, on any known agent of such creditor resident in the United States; and where notices are sent by mail, the postage thereon shall be paid, and they shall be directed and sent to the creditor or his agent, at the place of residence mentioned in the proof of his debt; and if no place be specified therein, and his residence is unknown, then to his last-known residence; and in all cases where publication of notices is authorized or required, the publication of such notices in one paper at any one place, by one insertion therein each week, during the time of publication ordered by the court, shall be deemed sufficient.

SEC. 13. *And be it further enacted, That costs may be decreed by the court in all controverted cases; and such proceedings may be had in relation thereto, and such remedies may be given therefor as are conformable to the principles and usages in courts of equity.*

SEC. 14. *And be it further enacted, That if a majority in value of the creditors who have proved their debts under any proceeding in bankruptcy, shall assent in writing thereto, and such assent shall be duly proved to the satisfaction of the court, it shall be lawful for such court to direct the assignee of any bankrupt to pay the necessary expenses of such bankrupt in the proceedings in bankruptcy to and including the final decree of discharge, to be judged of by the court, out of any estate or effects of the bankrupt in the hands of such assignee; and that for all the purposes of this act, and of the act to which it is amendatory, the creditors who represent the larger amount of the debts due by any bankrupt, and proved under the proceeding in bankruptcy against him, shall be deemed a majority in number and value of the creditors of such bankrupt.*

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 16, Nays, ... 30.

On motion by Mr. Allen,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Barrow, Bates, Berrien, Choate, Clayton, Crafts, Dayton, Evans, Henderson, Kerr, Miller, Phelps, Porter, Tallmadge, White, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Bagby, Benton, Buchanan, Calhoun, Crittenden, Cuthbert, Fulton, Graham, Huntington, King, Linn, McDuffie, McRoberts, Mangum, Morehead, Rives, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

So the amendment was disagreed to.

On motion by Mr. Berrien,

To amend the bill by adding thereto the following: "except that in any case so pending, it shall and may be lawful for a major part in value of the creditors of any bankrupt against whom proceedings in bankruptcy may be pending, to elect the assignee of the estate and effects of such bankrupt, and the court in which the same are pending, shall thereupon direct the estate and effects of such bankrupt to be delivered to the assignee so selected."

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 14, Nays, ... 35.

On motion by Mr. Conrad,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Barrow, Bates, Berrien, Clayton, Conrad, Dayton, Evans, Kerr, Merrick, Miller, Phelps, Porter, Tallmadge, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Bagby, Bayard, Benton, Buchanan, Calhoun, Choate, Crafts, Crittenden, Cuthbert, Fulton, Graham, Henderson, Huntington, King, Linn, McDuffie, McRoberts, Mangum, Morehead, Rives, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, White, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

On motion by Mr. Conrad,

To amend the bill by striking out, sec. 1, line 5, the words, "and the same hereby is," and inserting, after the word "repealed," in the 6th line, "*from and after the 4th day of April next.*"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 13, Nays, ... 32.

On motion by Mr. Conrad,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Barrow, Bates, Berrien, Choate, Clayton, Conrad, Evans, Henderson, Porter, Smith, of Indiana, Tallmadge, White, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative. are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Bagby, Bayard, Benton, Buchanan, Calhoun, Crafts, Cuthbert, Dayton, Fulton, Graham, Kerr, King, Linn, McDuffie, McRoberts, Mangum, Merrick, Miller, Rives, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Sprague, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Tallmadge.

To amend the bill by adding the following:

"Sec. . *And be it further enacted,* That there shall be allowed to each judge, upon the final decision of each case pending in bankruptcy, the sum of one dollar, to be paid to the clerks of the several courts by the bankrupt."

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 14, Nays, ... 34.

On motion by Mr. Tallmadge,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Barrow, Bates, Berrien, Choate, Conrad, Dayton, Evans, Kerr, Miller, Phelps, Porter, Tallmadge, White, Woodbridge,

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Bagby, Bayard, Benton, Buchanan, Calhoun, Clayton, Crafts, Crittenden, Cuthbert, Fulton, Graham, Henderson, Huntington, King, Linn, McDuffie, McRoberts, Mangum, Merrick, Rives, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

On motion by Mr. Tallmadge,

That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to the first Monday in December next.

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 14, Nays, ... 34.

On motion,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Barrow, Bates, Berrien, Choate, Clayton, Evans, Henderson, Kerr, Miller, Porter, Smith, of Indiana, Tallmadge, White, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Bagby, Bayard, Benton, Buchanan, Calhoun, Crafts, Crittenden, Cuthbert, Dayton, Fulton, Graham, Huntington, King, Linn, McDuffie, McRoberts, Mangum, Merrick, Morehead, Phelps, Rives, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Sprague, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

Ordered, That the bill pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

On the question "Shall this bill pass?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 32, Nays, ... 13.

On motion by Mr. Buchanan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Bagby, Bayard, Buchanan, Calhoun, Crafts, Crittenden, Cuthbert, Dayton, Fulton, Graham, Huntington, King, Linn, McDuffie, McRoberts, Mangum, Merrick, Morehead, Phelps, Rives, Sevier, Sprague, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Barrow, Bates, Berrien, Choate, Clayton, Evans, Kerr, Miller, Porter, Smith, of Indiana, Tallmadge, White, Woodbridge.

So it was,

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate, a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, showing the public debt, revenue, and expenditures, at the periods therein mentioned; which was read, and, by unanimous consent, ordered to be printed.

The President pro tempore signed the three enrolled bills (H. R. 648, 762, 767) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The resolution from the House of Representatives (No. 37) directing the payment of the certificates or warrants issued by the commissioners under the treaty with the Cherokee Indians, was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Morehead, from the Committee on Retrenchment, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 548) to reduce the compensation of the members of the Senate, members of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to the Delegates of the Territories, and other officers, and repealing all other laws on the subject, reported it with amendments, and submitted a report on the subject; which, with the amendments, was ordered to be printed.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1843.

Mr. Wright presented a petition of citizens of New York, praying the establishment of a mail route from Stockholm to Hogansburg; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Tappan presented a petition of citizens of Ohio, praying that Amos Kendall may be indemnified against loss by a judgment obtained against him by certain mail contractors on account of official acts while Postmaster General; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 708) for the relief of Samuel Hoffman, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Henderson, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 803) for the relief of the legal representatives of Antoine Vasques and others, reported it without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Bates,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the following subjects:

Petition of the widow of Joshua Raymond;

Petition of the widows of Joseph Thompson and John Gould;

Resolution of the Legislature of the State of Vermont, in favor of widows of revolutionary officers and soldiers;

Petition of Mary Spencer and Mary Field;

Petition of the widow of Philip Krug.

Mr. Bates, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 655) granting a pension to certain widows of revolutionary soldiers, reported it with amendments; which were read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Henderson, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 741) to confirm Elizabeth Burriss, her heirs or assigns, in their title to a tract of land, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sevier, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of John Bosworth, submitted an adverse report; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sevier, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 563) for the relief of Daniel Penhallow, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Woodbridge, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 678) for the protection of commerce on the western shores of Lake Erie, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Walker, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of John Grant, reported a bill (S. 141) for his relief; which was read, and passed to the second reading.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills:

H. R. 357. An act for the relief of Nancy Tompkins;

H. R. 634. An act for the relief of Conrad House; and,

Resolved, That they be postponed indefinitely.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 71) authorizing an examination and survey of the harbor of Memphis, Tennessee; and,

On motion by Mr. Bayard,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 78) directing a survey of the direct communication between Albemarle sound and the Atlantic ocean; and,

On motion by Mr. Graham,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 588) for the relief of James S. Calhoun, together with the amendment reported thereto; and, having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 77) to revive the act entitled, "An act to enable claimants to land within the limits of Missouri and the Territory of Arkansas to institute proceedings to try the validity of their claims," approved the 26th of May, 1824, and an act amending the same, and extending the provisions of said acts to claimants to land within the States of Louisiana and Mississippi; and, no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills:

S. 73. A bill to extend the Patent Office to Ninth street;

S. 9. A bill to amend an act entitled, "An act to establish the boundary line of the State of Ohio, and to provide for the admission of the State of Michigan into the Union upon the condition therein expressed," approved June 15, 1836;

S. 10. A bill for the relief of Joseph Bryan, Harrison Young, and Benjamin Young; and, having been severally amended, they were reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bills be engrossed, and read a third time.

The following bills were severally read the second time, and considered, as in Committee of the Whole:

S. 83. A bill to repeal certain parts of the act entitled, "An act respecting the organization of the army, and for other purposes," approved the 23d of August, 1842;

S. 79. A bill for the relief of Richard Patten;

S. 80. A bill for the relief of Charles M. Keller;

S. 127. A bill to amend the laws regulating imprisonment for debt within the District of Columbia;

S. 88. A bill declaring Robbinston, in the State of Maine, to be a port of delivery;

S. 137. A bill to permit the entry of merchandise recovered from shipwreck in certain cases free from duty; and, no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be engrossed, and read a third time.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

H. R. 358. An act for the relief of Benjamin J. Totten;

H. R. 359. An act for the relief of Mary Crawford;

H. R. 360. An act granting to James Lowe one thousand dollars and a section of land;

H. R. 389. An act for the relief of William G. Sanders;

H. R. 491. An act for the relief of John Wharry;

H. R. 620. An act for the relief of John Core;

H. R. 622. An act for the relief of Thomas D. Gilson;

H. R. 633. An act for the relief of John E. Hunt and others;

H. R. 638. An act for the relief of Robert G. Ford;

H. R. 645. An act making appropriations for the support of the army and of the military academy, and for armories, arsenals, arms, and munitions of war and surveys, for the half calendar year ending the 30th day of June, 1843, and for the fiscal year beginning the 1st day of July, 1843, and ending the 30th day of June, 1844;

H. R. 654. An act for the relief of William Fabre.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 128) to provide for the publication of the debates and proceedings of Congress in a continued series, and to authorize one or more contracts for that purpose.

On motion by Mr. Buchanan,

That it lie on the table,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 19, Nays, ... 25.

On motion by Mr. Buchanan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Benton, Buchanan, Calhoun, Cuthbert, Fulton, King, McRoberts, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Berrien, Choate, Clayton, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Henderson, Huntington, Kerr, Mangum, Merrick, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Porter, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Tallmadge, White, Woodbridge.

On motion by Mr. Allen,

That the further consideration of the bill be postponed indefinitely,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 21, Nays, ... 22.

On motion by Mr. Allen,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Benton, Buchanan, Calhoun, Clayton, Cuthbert, Fulton, King, McDuffie, McRoberts, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Berrien, Choate, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Henderson, Huntington, Kerr, Mangum, Merrick, Miller, Morehead, Porter, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Tallmadge, Woodbridge.

On motion by Mr. McRoberts,

To recommit the bill to the Committee on the Library, with instructions to submit a report showing what number of the volumes of said work are published, for what years; and further, what number of volumes it will probably require to complete said work; also that they state particularly the amount of money the proposed publication of the debates and proceedings of Congress will cost,"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 22, Nays, ... 23.

On motion by Mr. Buchanan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Benton, Buchanan, Calhoun, Clayton, Cuthbert, Fulton, King, McDuffie, McRoberts, Rives, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Berrien, Choate, Conrad, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Henderson, Huntington, Kerr, Mangum, Merrick, Miller, Morehead, Porter, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Tallmadge, White, Woodbridge.

On motion by Mr. Tappan,

To amend the by bill, by striking out, sec. 1, lines 4 and 5, the words "contract with Joseph Gales and William W. Seaton," and in sec 1, lines 9 10, the words "Francis P. Blair and John C. Rives," and inserting sec. 1, line 4, after "to," "*advertise for proposals, and contract with the lowest bidders, giving security to perform the work,*"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 20, Nays, ... 22.

On motion by Mr. Tappan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Benton, Buchanan, Calhoun, Cuthbert, Fulton, King, McDuffie, McRoberts, Rives, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Berrien, Choate, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Henderson, Huntington, Kerr, Mangum, Merrick, Miller, Morehead, Porter, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Tallmadge, White, Woodbridge.

On motion by Mr. McRoberts,

To amend the bill, section 3, line 6, by striking out "one thousand," and inserting "one hundred,"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 19, Nays, ... 21.

On motion by Mr. McRoberts,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Benton, Buchanan, Calhoun, Cuthbert, Fulton, King, McDuffie, McRoberts, Rives, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Williams, Woodbury, Wright

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Berrien, Choate, Conrad, Crittenden, Day-

ton, Evans, Graham, Henderson, Huntington, Kerr, Mangum, Merrick, Miller, Porter, Smith, of Indiana, Tallmadge, White, Woodbridge.

On motion by Mr. Wright,

To amend the bill, section 3, lines 7 and 8, by striking out the words "to be distributed in such manner as Congress may hereafter direct,"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 19, Nays, ... 21.

On motion by Mr. Wright,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Benton, Buchanan, Calhoun, Cuthbert, Fulton, King, McDuffie, McRoberts, Rives, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Williams, Woodbury, Wright.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Berrien, Choate, Conrad, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Henderson, Huntington, Kerr, Mangum, Merrick, Miller, Porter, Smith, of Indiana, Tallmadge, White, Woodbridge.

On motion by Mr. Tappan,

To amend the bill, by inserting at the end of the third section the following: "*Provided*, That no distribution of said books shall ever be made to the members of this or of any future Congress,"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 26, Nays, ... 11.

On motion by Mr. Tappan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Bagby, Benton, Buchanan, Calhoun, Conrad, Crittenden, Cuthbert, Fulton, Graham, Henderson, King, McDuffie, McRoberts, Mangum, Rives, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Smith, of Indiana, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Williams, Woodbury, Wright.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Bates, Berrien, Choate, Dayton, Evans, Kerr, Merrick, Miller, Tallmadge, White, Woodbridge.

So, the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Allen,

To amend the bill by adding to the first section the following:

"*Provided, That before any such contract or agreement made under the provisions of this act shall be valid or binding, such contract or agreement shall be reported to the two Houses of Congress by the said Secretary and Clerk, and be approved by Congress,*"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 19, Nays, ... 22.

On motion by Mr. Allen,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Benton, Buchanan, Calhoun, Cuthbert, Fulton, King, McDuffie, McRoberts, Rives, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Williams, Woodbury, Wright.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Berrien, Choate, Conrad, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Henderson, Huntington, Kerr, Mangum,

Merrick, Miller, Porter, Smith, of Indiana, Tallmadge, White, Woodbridge.

On motion by Mr. Wright,

To amend the bill by striking out the fourth section, as follows:

"SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted, That the Secretary of the Treasury shall be, and he is hereby, required, in the production of the certificate specified in the aforegoing section, to pay to the holder thereof, for the number of volumes therein certified to have been delivered, in terms of this act, at and after the rate per volume fixed by the contract hereby authorized, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,*"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 19, Nays, ... 23.

On motion by Mr. Wright,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Benton, Buchanan, Calhoun, Cuthbert, Fulton, King, McDuffie, McRoberts, Rives, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Williams, Woodbury, Wright.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Berrien, Choate, Clayton, Conrad, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Henderson, Huntington, Kerr, Mangum, Merrick, Miller, Porter, Smith, of Indiana, Tallmadge, White, Woodbridge.

On motion by Mr. Tappan,

To amend the bill, by striking out section 1, line 6, the words "Gales & Seaton,"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 16, Nays, ... 19.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Benton, Buchanan, Calhoun, Fulton, King, McRoberts, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Tappan, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Berrien, Clayton, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Henderson, Huntington, Kerr, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Porter, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Tallmadge, Woodbridge.

On motion by Mr. Allen,

That the Senate adjourn,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 16, Nays, ... 20.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Benton, Buchanan, Calhoun, Fulton, King, McRoberts, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Tappan, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Berrien, Clayton, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Henderson, Huntington, Kerr, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Porter, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Tallmadge, Woodbridge.

On motion by Mr. Woodbury,

To amend the bill by striking out, section 3, line 11, "five dollars per volume," and inserting "*three dollars per volume.*"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 16, Nays, ... 20.

On motion by Mr. Benton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Benton, Buchanan, Calhoun, Fulton, King, McRoberts, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Tappan, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Berrien, Clayton, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Henderson, Huntington, Kerr, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Porter, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Tallmadge, Woodbridge.

On motion by Mr. Woodbury,

To amend the bill, section 4, line 3, by inserting after the word "section" the words "at any time during the present year."

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 16, Nays, ... 20.

On motion by Mr. Benton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Benton, Buchanan, Conrad, Fulton, King, McRoberts, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Tappan, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Berrien, Clayton, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Henderson, Huntington, Kerr, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Porter, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Tallmadge, Woodbridge.

On motion by Mr. Benton,

To amend the bill, by striking out section 3, line 6, the words "one thousand," and inserting "*one hundred and fifty :*"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 17, Nays, ... 20.

On motion by Mr. Benton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Benton, Buchanan, Calhoun, Fulton, King, McRoberts, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Tappan, Walker, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Berrien, Clayton, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Henderson, Huntington, Kerr, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Porter, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Tallmadge, Woodbridge.

On motion by Mr. Walker,

That the bill lie on the table.

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 16, Nays, ... 21.

On motion by Mr. Walker,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Benton, Buchanan, Fulton, King, McRoberts, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Tappan, Walker, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Berrien, Clayton, Conrad, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Henderson, Huntington, Kerr, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Porter, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Tallmadge, Woodbridge.

On motion by Mr. Benton, to amend the bill, sec. 3, line 6, by striking out "one thousand," and inserting "*two hundred*,"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 16, Nays, ... 18.

On motion by Mr. Benton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Benton, Buchanan, Fulton, King, McRoberts, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Tappan, Walker, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Barrow, Bates, Berrien, Clayton, Conrad, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Huntington, Kerr, Mangum, Morehead, Porter, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Tallmadge, Woodbridge.

On motion by Mr. Bagby,

That the Senate adjourn,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 16, Nays, ... 18.

On motion by Mr. McRoberts,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Benton, Buchanan, Calhoun, Fulton, King, McRoberts, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Walker, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Barrow, Bates, Berrien, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Henderson, Huntington, Kerr, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Porter, Simmons, Smith, of Indiana, Tallmadge, Woodbridge.

On motion by Mr. Smith, of Connecticut,

That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to Wednesday next.

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 16, Nays, ... 17.

On motion by Mr. McRoberts,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Benton, Buchanan, Calhoun, Fulton, King, McRoberts, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Walker, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Barrow, Bates, Berrien, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Henderson, Kerr, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Porter, Simmons, Smith, of Indiana, Tallmadge, Woodbridge.

On motion by Mr. Crittenden,

That the Senate proceed to the consideration of Executive business.

It was determinen in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 18, Nays, ... 15.

On motion,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Benton, Buchanan, Calhoun, Crittenden, Fulton, Graham, King, McRoberts, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Walker, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Barrow, Bates, Berrien, Dayton, Evans, Henderson, Huntington, Kerr, Mangum, Miller, Porter, Simmons, Smith, of Indiana, Tallmadge, Woodbridge.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 28, 1843.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made agreeably to law, accompanied by statements relating to lighthouses, lights, and buoys; payments made at the Treasury for miscellaneous claims; expenditures from the marine hospital fund for the relief of sick and disabled seamen; and of contracts by the Secretary of the Treasury for the year 1842; which was read.

Mr. Crittenden presented a memorial of a number of citizens of Lexington, in Kentucky, and its vicinity, representing the necessity of appropriations for the removal of obstructions to the navigation of the western rivers; which was ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Clarke, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill from the Senate (S. 19) to perfect the titles to lands south of the Arkansas river held under New Madrid locations and pre-emption rights, under the act of one thousand eight hundred and fourteen.

They have rejected the bill (S. 59) for the relief of the Planters' Bank of Mississippi and the Agricultural Bank of Mississippi.

The House of Representatives agree to the report of the Committee of Conference, on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 645) making appropriations for the support of the army and military academy, and for armories, arsenals, arms, and munitions of war, and for surveys for the half calendar year ending the 30th day of June, 1843, and for the fiscal year ending beginning the 1st day July, 1843, and ending the 30th of June, 1844.

The President of the United States approved and signed the 24th instant the following acts:

An act for the relief of Thomas King;

An act for the relief of Nancy Hambright, widow of Captain John Hambright, deceased;

An act to continue in force an act therein mentioned, relating to the port of Baltimore;

An act to amend an act, entitled "An act for the relief of George Mayfield," approved July 27, 1842.

An act for the relief of certain companies of Michigan militia;

An act for the relief of Samuel D. Rose, and others.

And the 27th instant the following acts:

An act amendatory of an act establishing the banch mint at Dahlonega, Georgia, and defining the duties of assayer and coiner;

An act to amend an act, entitled "An act making an appropriation for the erection of a marine hospital at or near Ocracoke, North Carolina;

An act for the relief of Jacob White.

On motion by Mr. White,

Ordered, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H. R. 806) directing the survey of the northern line of the reservation for the half breeds of the Sac and Fox tribes of Indians, by the treaty of 4th of August, 1824, and that it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. White, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 350) to repeal so much of the act making an appropriation for the support of certain destitute Kickapoo Indians, &c., as relates to the payment of clerks charged with the business of the Chickasaws, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Sevier, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Lemuel Bingham, submitted an adverse report; which was read, and ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the Committee on Indians Affairs, be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Benjamin Crawford.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 498) authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to refund to David Watkinson and company a part of the duties imposed on a certain quantity of tin and iron imported by them into the port of New York, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 782) authorizing the re-issue of treasury notes, and for other purposes, reported it with amendments; which were read, and ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of the heirs of Joshua Raymond.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 630) to prohibit extra allowances to any officer of the Government, reported it without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Bates,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of the widow of Joshua Conkey, and from the further consideration of the petition of Azel Spalding.

Mr. Henderson, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom the following bills were referred:

H. R. 599. An act for the relief of Hugh Riddle, of the State of New York;

H. R. 492. An act for the relief of Mary McGee and Susan Pierce, heirs at law of George Neilson;

H. R. 493. An act to revive an act, entitled an act for the relief of John Daylin; reported them severally, without amendment.

Mr. Berrien, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 651) regulating the taking of testimony in cases of contested elections, and for other purposes, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Kerr, from the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 732) for the relief of Samuel K. Jenkins, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Dayton, from the Committee on Public Buildings, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 600) for the relief of John Skirving, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Archer, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 720) providing the means of future intercourse between the United States and the Government of China, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Tappan, from the Committee on the Library, to whom was referred the bill (S. 116) for the preservation of the collection of natural curiosities furnished by the exploring squadron, and from other sources, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Woodbridge, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom were referred sundry legislative resolves and memorials, relating to the navigation of the lakes, and to the construction and completion of harbor improvements, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 142) for the further protection of commerce on the upper lakes.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

On motion by Mr. Tallmadge,

Ordered, That one thousand copies, in addition to the usual number, be printed for the use of the Senate.

The amendment to the bill (H. R. 588) for the relief of James S. Calhoun, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time, as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

The following bills having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, were severally read the third time:

S. 9. Bill to amend an act, entitled "An act to establish the northern boundary line of the State of Ohio, and to provide for the admission of the State of Michigan into the Union, upon the conditions therein expressed," approved June 15, 1836;

S 10. Bill for the relief of Joseph Bryan, Harrison Young, and Benjamin Young;

S. 73. Bill to extend the Patent Office to Ninth street;

S. 77. Bill to revive an act, entitled "An act to enable claimants to land within the limits of Missouri and the Territory of Arkansas to institute proceeding to try the validity of their claims," approved the 26th of May, 1824, and an act amending the same, and extending the provisions of said acts to claimants to land within the States of Louisiana and Mississippi;

S. 79. Bill for the relief of Richard Patten;

S. 80. Bill for the relief of Charles M. Keller;

S. 83. Bill to repeal certain parts of the act, entitled "An act respecting

the organization of the army, and for other purposes," approved the 23d of August, 1842;

S. 88. Bill declaring Robbinston, in the State of Maine, to be a port of delivery;

S. 127. Bill to amend the laws regulating imprisonment for debt within the District of Columbia;

S. 137. Bill to permit the entry of merchandise recovered from shipwreck in certain cases free from duty.

Resolved, That they pass, and that their respective titles be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Clarke, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives concur in the amendments of the Senate to the following bills:

H. R. 355. An act for the relief of William Allen;

H. R. 543. An act for the relief of Joseph Hover, Abelard Guthrie, and Edmund Ogden;

H. R. 542. An act for the relief of Mary Williams, widow of Jacob Williams, deceased;

H. R. 637. An act for the relief of George Randall, John C. Haskell, and Elisha H. Holmes;

H. R. 788. An act regulating the mode of paying over to the State of Alabama the two per cent. fund relinquished to said State by the act approved on the 4th day of September, 1841;

They have rejected the bill from the Senate (S. 15) authorizing the relinquishment of the sixteenth sections granted for the use of schools, and the entry of other lands in lieu thereof;

They have passed the bill from the Senate (S. 43) for the relief of the heirs of Madame De Lusser, and their legal representatives;

They have passed the bill from the Senate (S. 101) in relation to the two per cent. fund of the State of Mississippi, with an amendment, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate;

They concur in the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 588) for the relief of James S. Calhoun, with an amendment, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 101) in relation to the two per cent. fund of the State of Mississippi; and,

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Williams reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

H. R. 355. An act for the relief of William Allen;

H. R. 543. An act for the relief of Joseph Hover, Abelard Guthrie, and Edmund Ogden;

H. R. 582. An act for the relief of Mary Williams, widow of Jacob Williams, deceased.

H. R. 614. An act to repeal the bankrupt act;

H. R. 637. An act for the relief of George Randall, John C. Haskell, and Elisha H. Holmes;

H. R. 788. An act regulating the mode of paying over to the State of Alabama the two per cent. fund relinquished to said State by the act approved on the 4th day of September, 1841;

H. R. 816. An act amendatory of "An act for the relief of sick and disabled seamen;"

S. 43. An act for the relief of the heirs of Madame De Lusser, and their legal representatives;

S. 19. An act to perfect the titles to lands south of the Arkansas river, held under New Madrid locations, and pre-emption rights under the act of 1814;

S. 101. An act in relation to the two per cent. fund of the State of Mississippi.

Mr. Williams reported from the committee that they yesterday presented to the President of the United States the following bills:

H. R. 648. An act for the relief of Jacob White;

H. R. 762. An act to amend an act, entitled "An act making an appropriation for the erection of a marine hospital at or near Ocracoke, North Carolina."

H. R. 767. An act amendatory of an act establishing the branch mint at Dahlonega, Georgia, and defining the duties of assayer and coiner.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 86) to apply certain alternate sections of the public domain toward the completion of works of internal improvement in the State of Michigan, and for other purposes; and, having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 55) for the relief of James Taylor, and for other purposes; and,

On motion,

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

The bill (S. 90) to limit the use and correct the abuse of the franking privilege, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. Morehead,

That it lie on the table.

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 29, Nays, ... 10.

On motion by Mr. Merrick,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Barrow, Bates, Benton, Berrien, Choate, Clayton, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Fulton, Graham, Kerr, McDuffie, Mangum, Morehead, Porter, Sevier, Simmons, Smith, of Connecticut, Sprague, Sturgeon, Tallmadge, Tappan, White, Wilcox, Woodbridge, Woodbury.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Buchanan, Henderson, King, McRoberts, Merrick, Miller, Smith, of Indiana, Walker, Wright, Young.

So, it was

Ordered, That the bill lie on the table.

The following bills were severally read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole:

S. 89. Bill to reduce the rates of postage;

S. 91. Bill to settle the title to the Pea Patch island, in the river Delaware;

S. 92. Bill for the relief of Mary W. Thompson, widow of the late Lieutenant Colonel Thompson, of the army of the United States; and, having been severally amended, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be engrossed and read a third time.

The following bills were severally read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole:

S. 87. A bill for the relief of Duncan L. Clinch;

S. 96. A bill for the relief of Nancy Polerecsky;

S. 99. A bill for the relief of Daniel G. Skinner, of Alabama;

S. 102. A bill for the relief of John R. Williams; and, no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be engrossed, and read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 660) making appropriations for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes, and for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, for the half calendar year beginning the 1st day of January, and ending the 30th day of June, 1843, and for the fiscal year beginning the 1st day of July, 1843, and ending the 30th day of June, 1844.

On motion by Mr. White, to amend the bill by inserting, after the 27th line, the following:

"For paying for improvements stipulated in the fifth article of the treaty with the Wyandot Indians, ratified 5th October, 1842, $125,937 24."

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 12, Nays, ... 18.

On motion by Mr. Tappan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Benton, Morehead, Porter, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Sturgeon, Tappan, White, Woodbridge, Young.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Berrien, Choate, Clayton, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Mangum, Merrick, Miller, Simmons, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Tallmadge, Wilcox.

So the proposed amendment was disagreed to.

The bill having been amended, was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 670) making appropriations for certain fortifications of the United States for the half calendar year beginning the 1st day of January, and ending the 30th day of June, 1843, and for the fiscal year beginning the 1st day of July, 1843, and ending the 30th day of June, 1844.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

To amend the bill by inserting after the 89th line: "For repairing and rebuilding barracks at Fort Gibson, at the present site, or in the vicinity thereof, twenty-five thousand dollars."

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 15, Nays, ... 16.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Bagby, Benton, Cuthbert, Fulton, McDuffie, McRoberts, Mangum, Sevier, Smith, of Indiana, Sturgeon, Tallmadge, Walker, White, Woodbury, Young.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Berrien, Choate, Clayton, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Henderson, Huntington, Merrick, Miller, Morehead, Simmons, Wilcox.

The bill having been amended, was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 748) making appropriations for the payment of navy pensions due the 1st day of July, 1843, and the 1st day of January, 1844; and, having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The bill (S. 103) to extend the charters of the District banks, was read the second time, and considered, as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. Allen,

That the further consideration of the bill be postponed indefinitely.

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 17, Nays, ... 25.

On motion by Mr. Allen,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Benton, Buchanan, Cuthbert, Fulton, King, McDuffie, McRoberts, Smith, of Connecticut, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Choate, Clayton, Conrad, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Henderson, Huntington, Kerr, Mangum, Merrick, Miller, Morehead, Porter, Rives, Simmons, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Tallmadge, White, Woodbridge.

On motion by Mr. King,

That the bill lie on the table.

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 18, Nays, ... 28.

On motion by Mr. Wright,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Benton, Buchanan, Calhoun, Cuthbert, Fulton, King, McDuffie, McRoberts, Smith, of Connecticut, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Choate, Clayton, Conrad, Crafts, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Henderson, Huntington, Kerr, Mangum, Merrick, Miller, Morehead, Porter, Rives, Sevier, Simmons, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Tallmadge, White, Woodbridge.

On motion by Mr. Allen, to amend the bill by inserting, at the end thereof, the following: "*Provided*, That the stockholders of each of said banks shall, from and after the taking effect of this act, be liable, in their individual character and private property, for all the issues made, and other obligations contracted by said banks, respectively, in the same manner and to the same extent, in all respects, as are partners of unchartered copartnerships and firms for their obligations contracted by such copartnerships and firms."

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 16, Nays, ... 25.

On motion by Mr. Tappan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Benton, Buchanan, Calhoun, Cuthbert, Henderson, King, McDuffie, McRoberts, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Wilcox, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bayard, Berrien, Choate, Clayton, Conrad, Crafts, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Huntington, Kerr, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Porter, Rives, Simmons, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Tallmadge, White, Woodbridge.

On motion by Mr. Buchanan, to amend the bill by adding the following as an additional section:

"Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That if any of the said banks shall hereafter suspend specie payments, or refuse to pay on demand any of their notes, deposites, or other obligations in specie, it shall be the duty of the district attorney for the District of Columbia, ex officio, to file a bill before the proper court, whose duty it shall be, upon legal proof of the fact, to decree the forfeiture of the charter of such defaulting bank, and place it in a state of liquidation, and wind up its affairs according to the rules and practice of a court of chancery, first paying, out of the assets of each of the said banks, respectively, all the holders of their notes in preference to all other demands against them; and to apportion the remaining assets, pro rata, among all the other creditors."

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 35, Nay, ... 1.

On motion by Mr. Buchanan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Bagby, Barrow, Bayard, Benton, Berrien, Buchanan, Choate, Clayton, Conrad, Crafts, Crittenden, Cuthbert, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Henderson, Huntington, Kerr, King, McDuffie, McRoberts, Mangum, Miller, Porter, Smith, of Indiana, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, White, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

Mr. Morehead voted in the negative.

The bill, as amended, was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

On motion by Mr. Benton, to amend the bill by adding the following:

"Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That neither of said banks shall circulate the notes or bills of suspended banks, or receive, pay out, or in any way use any paper currency which is not equivalent to gold or silver coins; and all contracts and transactions founded on such suspended or

depreciated currency shall be null and void; and every violation of this section shall be a violation of the charter of the bank, and a forfeiture thereof."

A motion was made by Mr. Crittenden to amend the proposed amendment by striking out the following words: "or receive, pay out, or in any way use any paper currency which is not equivalent to gold or silver coins; and all contracts and transactions founded on such suspended or depreciated currency shall be null and void."

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 20, Nays, ... 11.

On motion by Mr. Benton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Conrad, Crafts, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Kerr, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Porter, Simmons, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Tallmadge, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Benton, Buchanan, Cuthbert, McRoberts, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Woodbury, Wright.

The amendment, as amended, was then agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Benton, to amend the bill by inserting the following:

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this act for continuing the charters of said banks shall be null and void in every case in which any one of said banks shall not have complied with the terms, conditions, and provisions of the acts by which they have been heretofore continued.

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 11, Nays, ... 20.

On motion by Mr. Benton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Benton, Cuthbert, King, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Berrien, Crafts, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Huntington, Kerr, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Porter, Simmons, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Tallmadge, Woodbridge.

On the question: "Shall the bill be engrossed, and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 22, Nays, ... 11.

On motion by Mr. Benton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Berrien, Crafts, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Huntington, Kerr, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Porter, Sevier, Simmons, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Tallmadge, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Benton, Cuthbert, McRoberts, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

So, it was

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed, and read a third time.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Clarke, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the following bills and resolutions:

H. R. 697. An act to provide for carrying into effect the treaty between the United States and Great Britain, concluded at Washington on the 9th day of August, 1842;

H. R. 752. An act providing for the sale of certain lands in the States of Ohio and Michigan, ceded by the Wyandot tribe of Indians, and for other purposes;

H. R. 804. An act making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of Government for the fiscal year ending the 30th day of June, 1844;

H. R. 820. An act to establish a port of delivery at the city of Lafayette, in the State of Louisiana;

H. R. 824. An act to change the times of holding the circuit and district courts for the district of East Tennessee;

H. R. 745. An act explanatory of an act supplemental to the act, entitled "An act to grant pre-emption rights to settlers on the public lands," approved June 22, 1838;

Resolution (40) in relation to certain property purchased for the United States in the city of Detroit;

Resolution (45) to authorize the Postmaster General to settle with J. & P. Voorhees; in which bills and resolutions they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They have passed the bill from the Senate (S. 127) to amend the laws regulating imprisonment for debt within the District of Columbia, with an amendment, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed twenty-one enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The bills and resolutions last brought for concurrence from the House of Representatives were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That bill numbered 804, and resolution numbered 40, be referred to the Committee on Finance; that the bill numbered 697 be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations; that the bill numbered 820 be referred to the Committee on Commerce; that bills numbered 745 and 752 be referred to the Committee on Public Lands; that bill numbered 824 be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and that resolution numbered 45 be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 127) to amend the laws regulating imprisonment for debt within the District of Columbia; and,

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The President pro tempore signed the twenty-one enrolled bills last reported to have been examined (H R. 355 358, 359, 360, 389, 491, 543, 582, 614, 620, 622, 633, 637, 638, 645, 654, 788, 816, S. 19, 43, and 101), and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The amendments to the following bills having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bills were severally read a third time:

H. R. 748. An act making appropriations for the payment of navy pensions due on the 1st day of July, 1843, and on the 1st day of January, 1844;

H. R. 670. An act making appropriations for certain fortifications of the United States for the half calendar year beginning on the 1st day of January, and ending on the 30th day of June, 1843, and for the fiscal year beginning on the 1st day of July, 1843, and ending on the 30th day of June, 1844;

H. R. 660. An act making appropriations for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes, and for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department for the half calendar year beginning the 1st day of January, and ending the 30th day of June, 1343. and for the fiscal year beginning the 1st day of July, 1843, and ending the 30th day of June, 1844.

Resolved, That the said bills pass, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The following bills having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, were read a third time:

S. 86. Bill to apply certain alternate sections of the public domain toward the completion of works of internal improvement in the State of Michigan, and for other purposes;

S. 87. Bill for the relief of Duncan L. Clinch;

S. 89. Bill to reduce the rates of postage;

S. 91. Bill to settle the title to the Pea Patch island, in the Delaware river;

S. 92. Bill for the relief of Mary W. Thompson, widow of the late Lieutenant Colonel Thompson. of the army of the United States;

S. 96. Bill for the relief of Nancy Polerecsky;

S. 99. Bill for the relief of Daniel G. Skinner, of Alabama;

S. 102. Bill for the relief of John R. Williams.

Resolved, That the said bills pass, and that their respective titles be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Walker submitted the following motion for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to communicate to the Senate, at the next session, a statement showing the quantity of the public lands heretofore offered at public sale, and remaining unsold at the close of the third quarter of the present year in each of the land districts in the United States; how much of said land in each of said districts was offered at public sale before the 1st of January, 1805; how much since that date, and before the 1st of January, 1810; how much since the last date, and before the 1st of January, 1815; how much since the last date, and before the 1st of January, 1820; how much since the last date, and before the 1st of January, 1825; how much since the last date, and before the 1st of January, 1830; how much since the last date, and before the 1st of January, 1835; how much since the last date, and before the 1st of January, 1840; and how much since the last date, to the close of the third quarter of the present year; also, what quantity of said lands offered at public sale before the 1st of January, 1805, were sold in each of said districts during each year since said date, and also during the first three quar-

ters of the present year; also, how much of said land offered since the 1st of January, 1805, and before the 1st of January, 1810, were sold in each of said districts during each year since said last date, and also within the first three quarters of the present year; how much of said land offered since the 1st of January, 1810, and before the 1st of January, 1815, were sold in each of said districts during each year since said last date, and also within the first three quarters of the present year; how much of said land offered since the 1st of January, 1815, and before the 1st of January, 1820, were sold in each of said districts during each year since said last date, and also during the first three quarters of the present year; how much of said land offered since the 1st of January, 1820, and before the 1st of January, 1825, were sold in each of said districts during each year since the 1st of January, 1825, and also during the first three quarters of the present year; how much of said land offered since the 1st of January, 1825, and before the 1st of January, 1830, were sold in each of said districts during each year since the 1st of January, 1830, and also during the first three quarters of the present year; how much of said land offered since the 1st of January, 1830, and before the 1st of January, 1835, were sold in each of said districts during each year since the 1st of January, 1835, and also during the first three quarters of the present year, and how much of said land offered since the 1st of January, 1835, and before the 1st of January, 1840, were sold in each of said districts during each year since the 1st of January, 1840, and also during the first three quarters of the present year; and how much of said land offered since the 1st of January, 1840, were sold in each of said districts during each year since the last date, and also during the first three quarters of the present year.

On motion by Mr. Conrad,

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the memorial of the municipality No. 1 of the city of New Orleans, on the subject of the customhouse square.

Mr. Conrad, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the resolution (H. R. 21) for the relief of Benjamin Ogle Tayloe, reported it with an amendment; which was read.

Mr. Berrien, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the memorial of the first municipality of the city of New Orleans, praying to be put into possession of a lot of ground in the city of New Orleans on which the customhouse stands, submitted a report; which was ordered to be printed.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to their amendment to the bill (H. R. 588) for the relief of James S. Calhoun; and,

Resolved, That they disagree to the said amendment of the House of Representatives, and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses.

Ordered, That Mr. Berrien, Mr. Wright, and Mr. Archer, be the managers at the same on the part of the Senate.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 46) making further appropriations for the continuation of the Cumberland road in the States of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois; and,

On motion by Mr. Evans,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The bill (S. 104) granting a pension to Daniel Welch was read the second time, and considered, as in Committee of the Whole; and, no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill (S. 6) for the relief of Robert B. Lewis was considered, as in Committee of the Whole; and, no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill (S. 7) to refund the balance due to Massachusetts for disbursements during the late war with Great Britain was resumed, as in Committee of the Whole; and, having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 1, 1843.

Mr. Young, from the Committee on Roads and Canals, to whom was referred the bill (S. 47) granting an additional quantity of land to the State of Illinois, to aid in the completion of the Illinois and Michigan canal, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Bates, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom the following bills were referred:

H. R. 372. An act for the relief of Elizabeth Dawkins:

H. R. 798. An act for the relief of John P. Schuyler;

H. R. 811. An act for the relief of John Everly; reported them severally without amendment.

Mr. Bates also submitted an adverse report in each case; which were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Smith, of Indiana, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 745) explanatory of an act supplemental to the act entitled "An act to grant pre-emption rights to settlers on the public lands," approved June 22, 1838, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Smith, of Indiana, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 752) providing for the sale of certain lands in the States of Ohio and Michigan ceded by the Wyandot tribe of Indians, and for other purposes, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Sevier, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 363) for the relief of Ruth Mathiot, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Woodbury, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 681) for the relief of the legal representatives of Robert A. Kelly, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Williams reported from the committee that they had this day presented to the President of the United States the following acts:

H. R. 355. An act for the relief of William Allen;

H. R. 358. An act for the relief of Benjamin J. Totten;

H. R. 359. An act for the relief of Mary Crawford;

H. R. 360. An act granting to James Lowe one thousand dollars and a section of land;

H. R. 389. An act for the relief of William G. Sanders;

H. R. 391. An act for the relief of John Wharry;

H. R. 543. An act for the relief of Joseph Hover, Abelard Guthrie, and Edmund Ogden;

H. R. 582. An act for the relief of Mary Williams, widow of Jacob Williams, deceased;

H. R. 614. An act to repeal the bankrupt act;

H. R. 620. An act for the relief of John Core;

H. R. 622. An act for the relief of Thomas D. Gilson;

H. R. 633. An act for the relief of John E. Hunt, and others;

H. R. 637. An act for the relief of George Randall, John C. Haskell, and Elisha H. Holmes;

H. R. 638. An act for the relief of Robert G. Ford;

H. R. 645. An act making appropriations for the support of the army and of the military academy, and for armories, arsenals, arms, and munitions of war, and surveys, for the half calendar year ending the 30th day of June, 1843, and for the fiscal year beginning the 1st day of July, 1843, and ending the 30th day of June, 1844;

H. R. 654. An act for the relief of William Fabre;

H. R. 788. An act regulating the mode of paying over to the State of Alabama the two per cent. fund relinquished to said State by the act approved on the 4th day of September, 1841;

H. R. 816. An act amendatory of "An act for the relief of sick and disabled seamen;"

S. 19. An act to perfect the titles to lands south of the Arkansas river, held under New Madrid locations, and pre-emption rights under the act of 1814;

S. 43. An act for the relief of the heirs of Madame De Lusser and their legal representatives;

S. 101. An act in relation to the two per cent. fund of the State of Mississippi.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 699) making appropriations for completing the public buildings in Florida, reported it with amendments; which were read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Crittenden, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of the widow of Richard A. Zantzinger, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 143) for the relief of Mary Zantzinger, widow of Major Richard A. Zantzinger, deceased.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Berrien, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (824) to change the time of holding the circuit and district courts for the district of East Tennessee, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill, as in Committee of the Whole:

On motion by Mr. Tappan,

To amend the title of the bill, by substituting the following in lieu thereof: "An act to amend the act of the 10th of March, 1838, entitled 'An act to change the time of holding the circuit and district courts in the district of Ohio,' approved June 1, 1842,"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 16, Nays, ... 21.

On motion by Mr. Tappan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Buchanan, Calhoun, King, Linn, McRoberts, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Bates, Bayard, Berrien, Choate, Clayton, Conrad, Crafts, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Huntington. Mangum, Miller, Phelps, Porter, Simmons, Smith, of Indiana, Tallmadge, White, Woodbridge.

No amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time, and

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Allen, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 536) granting a pension to Josiah Westlake, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Allen, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom the following bills were referred:

H. R. 448. An act for the relief of Robert Layton's children;

H. R. 703. An act for the relief of Nancy Wilson; reported them severally without amendment.

Mr. Archer, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 697) to provide for carrying into effect the treaty between the United States and Great Britain, concluded at Washington the 9th day of August, 1842, reported it without amendment.

On motion by Mr. King,

Ordered, That the administrator of John Gunter and William Walker, severally, have leave to withdraw their petitions on the files of the Senate.

Mr. Woodbridge submitted the following resolution, which was considered by unanimous consent, and agreed to.

Resolved, That of the charts and maps emanating from the Topographical Bureau, reported to Congress during this session, or which may be hereafter reported and ordered to be engraved, there be struck off fifty additional copies for the use of the said Topographical Bureau.

Mr. Evans submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the 16th joint rule be suspended, so far as to allow the transmission to the House of Representatives of the following bills of the Senate:

S. 6. Bill for the relief of Robert B. Lewis;

S. 7. Bill to refund the balance due to Massachusetts, for disbursements during the late war with Great Britain;

S. 103. Bill to extend the charters of the District banks;

S. 104. Bill granting a pension to David Welch.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Clarke, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill from the Senate (S. 88) declaring Robbinston, in the State of Maine, to be a port of delivery.

They insist on their amendment, disagreed to by the Senate, to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 588) for the relief of James S. Calhoun; agree to the conference asked by the Senate; and have appointed Mr. King, Mr. Burke, and Mr. Giddings, the managers at the same, on their part.

The House of Representatives concur in the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 660) making appropriations for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes, and for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department for the half calendar year beginning the first day of January and ending the thirtieth day of June, 1843; and for the fiscal year beginning the first day of July, 1843, and ending the thirtieth day of June, 1844; and in the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 670) making appropriations for certain fortifications of the United States for the half calendar year ending the thirtieth day of June, 1843, and for the fiscal year beginning the first day of July, 1843, and ending on the thirtieth day of June, 1844.

The following bills, having been reported by the Committee correctly engrossed, were read a third time:

S. 6. Bill for the relief of Robert B. Lewis;

S. 104. Bill granting a pension to David Welch.

Resolved, That the said bills pass, and that their respective titles be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bill (S. 103) to extend the charters of the District banks, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

On motion by Mr. Allen, that it lie on the table,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 16, Nays, ... 27.

On motion by Mr. Allen,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Benton, Buchanan, Calhoun, Linn, McRoberts, Smith, of Connecticut, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Berrien, Choate, Clayton, Conrad, Crafts, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Henderson, Huntington, Kerr, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Porter, Rives, Simmons, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Tallmadge, White, Woodbridge.

On the question, "Shall this bill pass?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 26, Nays, ... 17.

On motion by Mr. Tappan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Berrien, Choate, Clayton, Conrad, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Henderson, Huntington, Kerr, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Porter, Rives, Sevier, Simmons, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Tallmadge, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Benton, Buchanan, Calhoun, Crafts, King, Linn,

McDuffie, McRoberts, Smith, of Connecticut, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

So, it was

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that its title be as aforesaid.

The bill (S. 7) to refund the balance due to Massachusetts for disbursements during the late war with Great Britain, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

On the question, "Shall this bill pass?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 27, Nays, ... 19.

On motion by Mr. Wright,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Berrien, Choate, Clayton, Conrad, Crafts, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Henderson, Huntington, Kerr, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Porter, Simmons, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Tallmadge, White, Williams, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Benton, Buchanan, Calhoun, Fulton, King, Linn, McDuffie, McRoberts, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Wilcox, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

So, it was

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that its title be as aforesaid.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 625) for the relief of the heirs, or the assignees of the heirs, of Isaac Todd and James McGill.

On motion, by Mr. Tappan,

That it lie on the table,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 17, Nays, ... 24.

On motion by Mr. Smith, of Indiana,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Buchanan, Calhoun, Cuthbert, King, McDuffie, McRoberts, Smith, of Connecticut, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Berrien, Choate, Clayton, Conrad, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Henderson, Kerr, Linn, Mangum, Miller, Phelps, Porter, Sevier, Simmons, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Tallmadge, White, Woodbridge.

The bill having been amended, was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

On the question, "Shall the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 21, Nays, ... 17.

On motion by Mr. McRoberts,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Bates, Berrien, Choate, Clayton, Conrad, Dayton, Evans,

Graham, Kerr, Linn, Mangum, Miller, Phelps, Porter, Simmons, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Tallmadge, White, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Benton, Buchanan, Calhoun, Crafts, Fulton, King, McDuffie, McRoberts, Smith, of Connecticut, Sturgeon, Tappan, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

So, it was

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 450) for the relief of the widow of Captain William Royall, deceased; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question, "Shall this bill pass to a third reading?"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 13, Nays, ... 16.

On motion by Mr. Williams,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Barrow, Crafts, Crittenden, Kerr, Mangum, Smith, of Indiana, Sturgeon, Tallmadge, Walker, White, Woodbridge, Woodbury, Young.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Bagby, Bates, Benton, Berrien, Calhoun, Clayton, Graham, Henderson, Linn, Phelps, Porter, Sevier, Tappan, Wilcox, Williams, Wright.

So,

The bill was rejected.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 288) for the relief of Major Thomas Harrison.

On motion by Mr. Bates,

That it be postponed indefinitely.

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 18, Nays, ... 15.

On motion by Mr. Archer,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Bagby, Bates, Benton, Berrien, Calhoun, Conrad, Crafts, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Henderson, Linn, McDuffie, Mangum, Morehead, Phelps, Sevier.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bayard, Choate, Fulton, Kerr, Miller, Porter, Simmons, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Wilcox, Young.

So, it was

Resolved, That this bill be postponed indefinitely.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Clarke, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives agree to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 659) making appropriations for the naval service, for the half calendar year beginning the 1st day of January, and ending the 30th day of June, 1843, and for the fiscal year beginning the 1st day of July, 1843, and ending the 30th day of June, 1844, except the 6th and 9th

amendments; that they disagree to the 6th amendment; and agree to the 9th amendment, with an amendment, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives disagree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 748) making appropriations for the payment of navy pensions due 1st of January, 1843, and 1st of January, 1844.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, (H. R. 660 and 670,) I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The President of the United States approved and signed this day the following acts:

An act for the relief of Joseph Hover, Abelard Guthrie, and Edmund Ogden;

An act for the relief of John Wharry;

An act granting to James Lowe one thousand dollars, and a section of land;

An act for the relief of Benjamin J. Totten;

An act for the relief of Mary Crawford;

An act for the relief of William Allen;

An act for the relief of John Core;

An act for the relief of William G. Sanders;

An act for the relief of Thomas D. Gilson;

An act for the relief of John E. Hunt and others;

An act for the relief of Robert G. Ford;

An act for the relief of William Fabre;

An act for the relief of Mary Williams, widow of Jacob Williams, deceased;

An act for the relief of George Randall, John C. Haskell, and Elisha H. Holmes;

An act regulating the mode of paying over to the State of Alabama the two per cent. fund relinquished to said State by the act approved on the 4th day of September, 1841;

An act amendatory of an act for the relief of sick and disabled seamen;

An act to perfect the titles to lands south of the Arkansas river, held under New Madrid locations and pre-emption rights, under the act of 1814;

An act for the relief of the heirs of Madame De Lusser, and their legal representatives;

An act in relation to the two per cent. fund of the State of Mississippi;

An act making appropriations for the support of the army, and of the military academy, and for armories, arsenals, arms, and munitions of war, and surveys, for the half calendar year ending the 30th day of June, 1843, and for the fiscal year beginning the 1st day of July, 1843, and ending the 30th day of June, 1844.

The Senate proceeded to consider the following bills and resolution, as in Committee of the Whole:

H. R. 209. An act for the relief of Robert Ramsay;

H. R. 554. An act for the relief of James B. Sullivan, of the county of Rapides, in the State of Louisiana;

H. R. 571. An act for the relief of Samuel M. Asberry;

H. R. 420. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Daniel Brent, deceased, late consul of the United States at Paris;

H. R. 388. An act for the relief of Allen Rogers;

H. R. 671. An act further to continue in force the act for the payment of horses and other property lost in the military service of the United States;

H. R. 545. An act for the relief of Peters, Moore, and Company.

H. R. 39. Resolution relating to patents for bounty lands;

H. R. 674. An act for the relief of Jeremiah Kimball;

H. R. 768. An act to fix the compensation of the Commissioner of Public Buildings; and, having been severally amended, they were reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed, and the bills read a third time.

The amendments to the said bills having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bills were severally read a third time as amended.

Resolved, That the said bills pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 486) for the relief of Garret Vleit; and, having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

Mr. Berrien, from the Committee of Conference appointed on the part of the Senate, on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H. R. 588) for the relief of James S. Calhoun, reported:

"That they have conferred with the conferees appointed on the part of the House of Representatives, and have unanimously agreed to recommend that the following provision be substituted, instead of the said bill, and the proposed amendments: "That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, directed to pay to James S. Calhoun the sum of fifteen thousand nine hundred dollars, in full for the claims of the said James S. Calhoun against the United States, for the use and detention, by an officer of the Government of the United States, of the steamboat Anna Calhoun and the barges Mary Eliza and Antoinette; and that the same be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated."

The Senate proceeded to consider the said report; and,

Resolved, That they concur therein, and that the bill be amended accordingly.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. King,

Ordered, That the executor of William Walker have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills and resolutions:

H. R. 212. An act authorizing the sale of lands, with improvements thereon, erected by the United States for the use of their agents, teachers, farmers, mechanics, and other persons employed among the Indians;

H. R. 289. An act for the relief of John Javins;

H. R. 462. An act for the relief of John Hicks;

H. R. 619. An act for the relief of Asahel Lee, Harvey Lee, and Lemuel Lee;

H. R. 485. An act for the relief of John Drysdale;

H. R. 589. An act for the relief of Johnson Patrick;

H. R. 457. An act for the relief of James Sweetman;

H. R. 461. An act for the relief of John F. Wiley;
H. R. 196. An act for the relief of Joseph Nimblett;
H. R. 550. An act for the relief of Horace Wetherell;
H. R. 535. An act granting a pension to Israel Thomas;
H. R. 546. An act for the relief of Richard Coke, jr., Robert Anderson, and George W. Southall;
H. R. 205. An act for the relief of Charles B. Hall, of Cincinnati;
H. R. 467. An act for the relief of Samuel Lord;
H. R. 657. An act supplemental to the act of the 24th of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight, to continue a copyright to John Rowlett;
H. R. 616. An act to transfer to the the trustees of Centre college, in Kentucky, the lands heretofore granted to the Kentucky asylum for teaching the deaf and dumb;
H. R. 422. An act for the relief of Edwin Bartlett, late consul of the United States at Lima, in Peru;
H. R. 561. An act for the relief of Benjamin Truslow;
H. R. 479. An act for the relief of Richard Rush;
H. R. 413. An act for the relief of Charles Gordon, owner of the schooner Two Sons, and the legal representatives of the crew of said vessel;
H. R. 705. An act for the relief of Andrew Fisher;
H. R. 628. An act for the relief of Jonathan Britton;
H. R. 401. An act for the relief of William Gale;
H. R. 728. An act for the relief of S. and M. Riche;
H. R. 594. An act for the relief of Knot Martin, 3d, and Arnold Martin, owners of the fishing schooner Only Son, and others;
H. R. 683. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Lieutenant William S. Eveleth;
H. R. 691. An act for the relief of the heirs of Philander Smith and James Young;
H. R. 717. An act to set aside certain reservations of lands on account of live oak in the southeastern district of Louisiana;
H. R. 23. Resolution directing certain papers relating to titles to land in Louisiana to be returned to the General Land Office;
H. R. 656. An act for the relief of James Gray;
H. R. 623. An act for the relief Joseph R. Chandler;
H. R. 646. An act for the relief of Charles Waldron;
H. R. 667. An act for the relief of George A. Winslow;
H. R. 733. An act for the relief of John Skirving;
H. R. 393. An act to provide in certain cases for the sale of the real estate of infants within the District of Columbia;
H. R. 647. An act for the relief of John Randolph Clay, late Secretary of Legation of the United States at the court of Vienna;
H. R. 395. An act for the relief of Gorham A. Worth, one of the sureties of Samuel Edmunds, deceased;
H. R. 761. An act to allow a pension to Nancy Williams, widow of David Williams, who was one of the captors of Major André;
H. R. 774. An act to reduce the salary of the surveyor of the port of Camden, New Jersey;
H. R. 458. An act for the relief of Solomon Emerson;
H. R. 665. An act for the relief of Elizabeth Gresham, widow of George Gresham;

H. R. 666. An act for the relief of Elizabeth Towers;

H. R. 794. An for the relief of John Wolfenden; and no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said bills was severally read a third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider the following bills as in Committee of the Whole:

H. R. 356. An act for the relief of Lloyd J. Bryan;

H. R. 443. An act for the relief of Susan Brum;

H. R. 617. An act for the relief of the representatives of Major General Baron De Kalb, deceased;

H. R. 460. An act for the relief of Gideon A. Perry;

H. R. 621. An act for the relief Samuel B. Tuck;

H. R. 508. An act for the relief of Benjamin Evans;

H. R. 456. An act for the relief of Samuel Neely;

H. R. 290. An act for the relief of John Farnham;

H. R. 608. An act for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of William Lomax;

H. R. 664. An act for the relief of Mrs. Anne W. Angus;

H. R. 731. An act for the relief of Thomas H. Brown;

H. R. 704. An act for the relief of D. and J. Wilkinson;

H. R. 228. An act for the relief of the owners, master, and crew of the schooner Codhook, of Blue Hill, Maine;

H. R. 326. An act for the relief of Levi Eldridge and others;

H. R. 391. An act for the relief of the owners of the schooner Three Brothers;

H. R. 579. An act for the relief of John Patten jr., owner of the fishing schooner Credit, and the master and crew of said vessel;

H. R. 580. An act for the relief of Abner Lowell and others, owners of the fishing schooner William;

H. R. 591. An act for the relief of William Ellery, owner of the fishing schooners Sevo and Ida, both of Gloucester, Massachusetts, and others;

H. R. 592. An act for the relief of John H. Russell and others, as owners, masters, and crew of the fishing schooner Lucy Ann;

H. R 593. An act for the relief of Mary Broadstreet, Amos Tappan, and others;

H. R. 595. An act for the relief of Barnabas Baker, jr,, and others, owners of the fishing schooner Union, of Dennis, Massachusetts;

H. R. 605. An act for the relief of Joshua Knowles, jr., and others, owners and crew of the fishing schooner Garnet;

H. R. 412. An act for the relief of Teakle Savage, administrator of Bolitha Laws;

H. R. 525. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Francis Pellicer;

H. R. 713. An act for the relief of William Patterson;

H. R. 613. An act for the relief of Elizabeth Whiteman;

H. R. 712. An act for the relief of Sampson Brown;

H. R. 672. An act for the relief of Mary Barry, widow and administratrix of Thomas Barry;

H. R. 451. An act for the relief of Prudence Couch;
H. R. 701. An act granting a pension to David Munn;
H. R. 449. An act for the relief of Mary Elder;
H. R. 711. An act for the relief of Jane McGuire, widow of Major Thomas McGuire, deceased;
H. R. 756. An act for the relief of Patrick Masterson;
H. R. 362. An act for the relief of Leah Tenure;
H. R. 366. An act for the relief of Henry Freeman;
H. R. 447. An act for the relief of Elizabeth Harris;
H. R. 377. An act granting a pension to Joseph Watson;
H. R. 283. An act for the relief of George Hommill;
H. R. 521. An act for the relief of George P. Pollen and Robert Colgate;
H. R. 577. An act for the relief of S. Morris Waln; and,
Resolved, That they be postponed indefinitely.
Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion by Mr. Benton,
That the Senate adjourn.

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 7, Nays, ... 21.

On motion,
The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,
Messrs. Allen, Benton, Calhoun, Linn, Sturgeon, Woodbury, Young.
Those who voted in the negative, are,
Messrs. Archer, Bates, Bayard, Choate, Conrad, Crafts, Evans, Graham, Henderson, Huntington, McDuffie, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Porter, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Tappan, Walker, Wilcox.

The Senate proceeded to consider the following bills, as in Committee of the Whole:
H. R. 596. An act for the relief of Joseph W. Reckless;
H. R. 526. An act for the relief Alexander H. Everett;
H. R. 421. An act for the relief of John A. Smith;
H. R. 653. An act for the relief of George E. Johnson; and,
Ordered, That they severally lie on the table.

Mr. Kerr submitted the following resolution; which was read:
Resolved, That there be paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate, and under the direction of the committee to audit and control the same, to each of the officers, clerks, messengers, assistant messengers, pages, and laborers, in the service of the Senate, the same amounts respectively, that were paid them at the last session of Congress.

Mr. Walker submitted the following resolution for consideration:
Resolved, That the President of the United States cause to be investigated by the judges of the superior courts of Florida, in their respective districts, all losses of property suffered by the inhabitants of said Territory in consequence of the Seminole hostilities, since the commencement thereof in the year 1835; and that the testimony and opinion of said judges in each case be reported to this body when completed: *Provided*, That any expenses attending the investigation be provided for and paid by the said Territory of Florida.

Mr. Morehead, by unanimous consent, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 144) to authorize the translation of a pamphlet on the culture and preparation of hemp; which was read, and passed to the second reading.

On motion by Mr. Graham,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 1843.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Acting Secretary of the Treasury, communicating, in answer to a resolution of the Senate, a report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, showing the total amount of the two per centum of the net proceeds of the sales of the public lands in the State of Ohio, with the entire cost of the Cumberland road; which was read, and, by unanimous consent, ordered to be printed.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting an additional document supplemental to the report on the cultivation of hemp; which was read.

Mr. Wright presented resolutions of the Legislature of the State of New York, in favor of extending relief to Amos Kendall; which were read.

Ordered, That they lie on the table, and be printed.

On motion by Mr. Wright,

Ordered. That Israel Ketchum have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

On motion by Mr. Young,

Ordered, That John Dowling have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

On motion by Mr. Linn,

Ordered, That the heirs and legal representatives of Julian Dubuque, and the sureties of Thomas Hempstead, have leave to withdraw their petitions and papers.

On motion by Mr. Tallmadge,

Ordered, That the heirs of Daniel Neil have leave to withdraw their petition and papers.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 804) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of Government for the fiscal year ending the 30th day of June, 1844, reported it with amendments; which were read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the resolution (H. R. 37) directing payment of the certificates or awards issued by the commissioners under the treaty with the Cherokee Indians, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 464) for the relief of George Waddle, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Choate, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred a memorial of the heirs of Samuel H. Thompson, reported a bill (S. 145) for their relief; which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Merrick, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the resolution (H. R. 45) to authorize the Postmaster General to settle with J. and P. Voorhees, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 706) for the relief of Gamaliel E. Smith, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 706) for the relief of Gamaliel E. Smith; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Revolutionary Claims on the memorial of the representatives of Charles M. Thruston; and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition cannot be granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, on the petition of Lemuel Bingham; and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Revolutionary Claims on the petition of William Williams; and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be denied.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of John Bosworth; and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Revolutionary Claims on the petition of the heir of Brinton Paine; and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner cannot be granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted yesterday by Mr. Evans, to suspend the 16th joint rule, in relation to Senate bills numbered 6, 7, 103, 104; and,

On the question to agree thereto,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 22, Nays, ... 15.

On motion by Mr. Benton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Bates, Bayard, Berrien, Choate, Clayton, Conrad, Crafts, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Huntington, Kerr, Mangum, Merrick, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Porter, Smith, of Indiana, Tallmadge, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Buchanan, King, Linn, McRoberts, Smith, of Connecticut, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

So it was,

Resolved, That that this resolution pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Walker the 1st instant, relative to losses of property by the inhabitants of Florida, in consequence of the hostilities with the Seminole Indians; and,

On motion by Mr. Buchanan,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Young submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to receive the report to be made by the Secretary of the Treasury, in compliance with the resolution of the Senate of the 30th July, 1842, in relation to the public lands, in the recess of the Senate; that the same be printed under his inspection; and that one thousand copies, in addition to the usual number, be printed for the use of the Senate, and distributed as other public documents.

Mr. Sevier submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to ascertain and report, at the next session of Congress, the value and extent of the claims of the western Cherokees upon the United States, growing out of their treaty stipulations: that is to say, that portion of the Cherokees known and designated as the old settlers west of Arkansas, which claims are set forth in their memorial of the 16th of April, 1842, signed John Rogers and others.

Mr. Linn submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to communicate to the Senate, at the next session of Congress, such information as he may be able to procure, respecting the foreign markets for provisions and bread stuffs, the products of the United States; the manner in which such markets are affected by the tariffs and commercial regulations of different countries; the prospects and means of extending such markets; and any improvements that may be required in the preparation of such products for foreign consumption.

On motion by Mr. Graham,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of the legal representatives of Patrick Gray; and from the further consideration of the petition of the representative of George Mayo.

The amendments to the following bills having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bills were severally read a third time, as amended;

H. R. 486. An act for the relief of Garret Vleit;

H. R. 625. An act for the relief of the heirs or the assignees of the heirs of Isaac Todd and James McGill;

Resolved, That they pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Sprague reported from the committee that they examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

H. R. 660. An act making appropriations for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes, and for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department for the half calender year beginning the 1st day of January, and ending the 30th day of June, 1843, and for the fiscal year

beginning the 1st day of July, 1843, and ending the 30th day of June, 1844.

H. R. 670. An act making appropriations for certain fortifications of the United States for the half calendar year beginning on the 1st day of January, and ending on the 30th day of June, 1843, and for the fiscal year beginning on the 1st day of July, 1843, and ending on the 30th day of June, 1844.

The President pro tempore signed the two enrolled bills (H. R. 660 and 670) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

Mr. White presented a petition from citizens of the town of Frankfort, in Indiana, praying a reduction of the rates of postage; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Evans from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolution (H. R. 40) in relation to certain property purchased for the United States in the city of Detroit, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Barrow, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 820) to establish a port of delivery at the city of Lafayette, in the State of Louisiana, reported it with an amendment; which was read.

Mr. Cuthbert presented a preamble and resolutions passed by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Georgia, in opposition to the opinions of the honorable John McPherson Berrien in relation to a national bank, the adjustment of a tariff, and the distribution of the proceeds of the public lands, and approving the exercise of the veto power as the conservative principle of the constitution; which were read.

On motion by Mr. Cuthbert that they be printed,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 21, Nays, ... 24.

On motion by Mr. Linn,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Benton, Buchanan, Calhoun, Cuthbert, Fulton, Henderson, King, Linn, McDuffie, McRoberts, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Choate, Clayton, Conrad, Crafts, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Huntington, Kerr, Merrick, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Porter, Simmons, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Tallmadge, White, Woodbridge.

Mr. Berrien presented a report of the minority of a committee of the Legislature of Georgia on the subjects embraced in the preamble and resolutions reported by the majority of the committee, approving the manner in which the honorable John McPherson Berrien has discharged his duties as a Senator from Georgia, and expressing their sentiments in favor of a national bank, an equitable distribution of the public lands, and of defraying the ordinary expenses of the General Government by means of duties on imports; which was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the following bills, as in Committee of the Whole:

H. R. 602. An act to modify the act entitled, "An act to provide for the better security of the lives of passengers on board of vessels propelled in whole or in part by steam," approved July 7, 1838;

H. R. 459. An act for the relief of Lyman N. Cook; and, having been severally amended, they were reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed, and the bills read a third time.

The amendments to the said bills having been reported by the committee, correctly engrossed, the bills were read a third time.

Resolved, That the said bills pass, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The Senate proceeded to consider the following bills, as in Committee of the Whole:

H. R. 697. An act to provide for carrying into effect the treaty between the United States and Great Britain, concluded at Washington on the 9th day of August, 1842;

H. R. 559. An act for the relief of the Stockbridge tribe of Indians, in the Territory of Wisconsin; and, no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said bills were severally read a third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 635) for the relief of Boyd Reilly; and, having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

On the question, "Shall the amendment be engrossed, and the bill read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 20, Nays, ... 9.

On motion by Mr. Graham,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Bayard, Choate, Clayton, Crafts, Cuthbert, Dayton, Fulton, Linn, Mangum, Merrick, Miller, Porter, Sevier, Tappan, Walker, Williams, Woodbury, Young.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Bates, Berrien, Buchanan, Evans, Graham, King, McRoberts, Sturgeon, Wilcox.

So the amendment was ordered to be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 334) in relation to the exemplifications of the records of land patents and other evidences of title, and amendatory of the act entitled, "An act to reorganize the General Land Office," together with the amendments reported thereto; and, the reported amendments having been in part agreed to,

On the question to strike out the 3d section, as follows:

"SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, and he is hereby required, to cause to be recorded in suitable and substantial books, to be kept in his office, all such warrants for military bounty lands issued by the State of Virginia as have been located on the tract lying between the Scioto and Little Miami, in the State of Ohio, reserved for that purpose in the Virginia deed of cession, and which are now on file or may be placed on file in his office; and also all assignments, transfers, sales, devises, or bequests, by which the right or interest of the original grantee of such warrant has been passed or affected in law or equity, and which constitutes a part of the muniments or evidences of title of any person interested in the lands located under such warrant; which said recording shall be done in such manner as that the evidences of title, of every description, on which the patent issued under such warrent is founded, may appear of record, in the same order as to the several cases in which records of the patents have been made out; and in every instance where patents have been issued to purchasers, their heirs, devisees, legatees, executors, administrators, or assigns, under the "credit system," (so called) the muniments of title on file in said office shall be recorded, so far as is practicable, in like manner; and in all the cases above mentioned exemplifications of such records, duly certified by said Commissioner, and under the seal of his office, shall, in all courts and places, be of the same force and validity as the originals would be if produced,"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 27, Nays, ... 11.

On motion by Mr. Allen,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Bagby, Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Benton, Berrien, Clayton, Conrad, Crafts, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Huntington, Kerr, King, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Porter, Rives, Simmons, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, White, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Cuthbert, Linn, McRoberts, Sevier, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Williams, Woodbury, Wright.

The bill having been amended, was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The amendment to the said bill having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time, as amended.

Resolved, That it pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

The bill (S. 81) for the relief of certain officers of the exploring expedition was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Mr. Berrien, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 723) for the relief of Richard Sneed, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendment, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, to the bill (H. R. 745) explanatory of an act supplemental to the act entitled "An act to grant pre-emption rights to settlers on the public lands," approved June 22, 1838.

On motion by Mr. Evans,

Resolved, That they recede therefrom.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendments disagreed to, and amended by the House of Representatives, to the bill (H. R. 659) making appropriations for the naval service for the half calendar year beginning the 1st day of January and ending the 30th day of June, 1843, and for the fiscal year beginning the 1st day of July, 1843, and ending the 30th day of June, 1844; and

Resolved, That they *insist* on their sixth amendment, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, and agree to the amendment of the House of Representatives to their ninth amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Clarke their Clerk;

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the following bills from the Senate:

S. 31. Bill regulating the currency of foreign gold and silver coins in the United States;

S. 79. Bill for the relief of Richard Patten;

S. 102. Bill for the relief of John R. Williams;

S. 137. Bill to permit the entry of merchandise recovered from shipwreck in certain cases free from duty.

They have passed the bill from the Senate (S. 134) to fix the value of certain foreign moneys of account, in computations at the customhouses, with amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives insist on their disagreement to the sixth amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 659) making appropriations for the naval service for the half calendar year beginning the 1st day of January and ending the 30th day of June, 1843; and for the fiscal year beginning the 1st day of July, 1843, and ending the 30th day of June, 1844; ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, and have appointed Mr. Wise, Mr. Calhoun, and Mr. Roosevelt, managers at the same, on their part.

They have passed a resolution (H. R. 47) explanatory of an act for the relief of Thomas King; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They have passed a resolution, "that a message be sent to the Senate, returning the bill of the House (No. 602) to modify an act to provide for the better security of the lives of passengers on board of vessels propelled in whole or in part by steam, informing the Senate that an error was made in the engrossment of said bill by inserting the third section, when, in fact, that section had been struck out by the House.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed fifty-three enrolled bills and an enrolled joint resolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives concur in the report of the Committee of Conference on the bill (H. R. 588) for the relief of James S. Calhoun.

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H. R. 602) to modify an act to provide for the better security of the lives of passengers on board of vessels, propelled in whole or in part by steam, returned corrected by the House of Representatives; and, having been amended, on the motion of Mr. Wright,

Resolved, That this bill pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider their sixth amendment to the bill (H. R. 659) making appropriations for the naval service for the half calendar year beginning the first day of January and ending the thirtieth day of June, 1843; and for the fiscal year beginning the first day of July, 1843, and ending the thirtieth day of June, 1844, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, and,

On motion by Mr. Graham,

Resolved, That the Senate insist on their said amendment, and agree to the conference asked by the House of Representatives on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses; and

Ordered, That Mr. Graham, Mr. Barrow, and Mr. Linn, be the managers at the same on the part of the Senate.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion by Mr. Evans,

Ordered, That the Senate take a recess until six o'clock in the evening.

SIX O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

Mr. Sprague reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills and resolution:

H. R. 196. An act for the relief of Joseph Nimblett;

H. R. 205. An act for the relief of Charles B. Hall, of Cincinnati;

H. R. 212. An act authorizing the sale of lands, with the improvements thereon erected by the United States for the use of their agents, teachers, farmers, mechanics, and other persons employed among the Indians;

H. R. 289. An act for the relief of John Javins;

H. R. 393. An act to provide, in certain cases, for the sale of the real estate of infants within the District of Columbia;

H. R. 395. An act for the relief of Gorham A. Worth, one of the sureties of Samuel Edmunds, deceased;

H. R. 401. An act for the relief of William Gale;

H. R. 413. An act for the relief of Charles Gordon, owner of the schooner Two Sons, and the legal representatives of the crew of said vessel;

H. R. 422. An act for the relief of Eliza Bartlett, late consul of the United States at Lima, Peru;

H. R. 457. An act for the relief of James Sweetman;

H. R. 458. An act for the relief of Solomon Emerson;

H. R. 461. An act for the relief of John F. Wiley;

H. R. 462. An act for the relief of John Hicks;

H. R. 467. An act for the relief of Samuel Lord;

H. R. 479. An act for the relief of Richard Rush;

H. R. 485. An act for the relief of John Drysdale;

H. R. 535. An act for the relief of Israel Thomas;

H. R. 546. An act for the relief of Richard Coke, jr., Robert Anderson, and George W. Southall;

H. R. 550. An act for the relief of Horace Wetherell;

H. R. 561. An act for the relief of Benjamin Truslow;

H. R. 588. An act for the relief of James S. Calhoun;

H. R. 589. An act for the relief of Johnson Patrick;

H. R. 594. An act for the relief of Knott Martin 3d, and Arnold Martin, owners of the fishing schooner Only Son, and others;

H. R. 616. An act to transfer to the trustees of Centre College, in Kentucky, the lands heretofore granted to the Kentucky asylum for teaching the deaf and dumb;

H. R. 619. An act for the relief of Asahel Lee, Harvey Lee, and Lemuel Lee;

H. R. 623. An act for the relief of Joseph R. Chandler;

H. R. 628. An act for the relief of Jonathan Britton;

H. R. 646. An act for the relief of Charles Waldron;

H. R. 647. An act for the relief of John Randolph Clay, late secretary of legation of the United States at the court of Vienna;

H. R. 656. An act for the relief of James Gray;

H. R. 657. An act supplemental to the act of the 24th May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, to continue a copyright to John Rowlett;

H. R. 665. An act for the relief of Elizabeth Gresham, widow of George Gresham;

H. R. 666. An act for the relief of Elizabeth Towers;

H. R. 667. An act for the relief of George A. Winslow;

H. R. 683. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Lieutenant William S. Eveleth;

H. R. 691. An act for the relief of the heirs of Philander Smith and James Young;

H. R. 705. An act for the relief of James Fisher;

H. R. 717. An act to set aside certain reservations of lands on account of live oak, in the southeastern district of Louisiana;

H. R. 723. An act for the relief of Richard Smeed;

H. R. 728. An act for the relief of S. & M. Riche;

H. R. 733. An act for the relief of John Skirving;

H. R. 748. An act making appropriations for the payment of navy pensions due on the 1st day of July, 1843, and on the 1st day of January, 1844;

H. R. 706. An act for the relief of Gamaliel E. Smith;

H. R. 761. An act to allow a pension to Nancy Williams, widow of David Williams, who was one of the captors of Major André;

H. R. 774. An act to reduce the salary of the surveyor of the port of Camden, New Jersey;

H. R. 794. An act for the relief of John Wolfenden;

H. R. 824. An act to change the times of holding the circuit and district courts for the district of East Tennessee;

S. 31. An act regulating the currency of foreign gold and silver coins in the United States;

S. 79. An act for the relief of Richard Patten;

S. 88. An act declaring Robbinston, in the State of Maine, to be a port of delivery;

S. 102. An act for the relief of John R. Williams;

S. 127. An act to amend the laws regulating imprisonment for debt within the District of Columbia;

S. 137. An act to permit the entry of merchandise recovered from shipwreck in certain cases free of duty;

H. R. 23. Resolution directing certain papers relating to titles to land in Louisiana to be returned to the General Land Office.

The President pro tempore signed the fifty-three bills and the joint resolution last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Clarke, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill (S. 89) to reduce the rates of postage, with amendments; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives concur in the amendments of the Senate to the following bills and resolution:

H. R. 209. An act for the relief of Robert Ramsay;

H. R. 420. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Daniel Brent, late consul of the United States at Paris;

H. R. 545. An act for the relief of Peters, Moore, and Company;

H. R. 459. An act for the relief of Lyman N. Cook;

H. R. 486. An act for the relief of Garret Vleit;

H. R. 554. An act for the relief of James B. Sullivan, of the county of Rapides, in the State of Louisiana;

H. R. 571. An act for the relief of Samuel M. Asberry;

H. R. 635. An act for the relief of Boyd Reilly;

H. R. 674. An act for the relief of Jeremiah Kimball;

H. R. 768. An act to fix the compensation of the Commissioner of Public Buildings;

H. R. 671. An act further to continue in force the act for the payment of horses and other property lost in the military service of the United States;

H. R. 625. An act for the relief of the heirs or the assignees of the heirs of Isaac Todd and James McGill;

H. R. 388. An act for the relief of Allen Rogers;

H. R. 334. An act in relation to the exemplifications of the records of land patents, and other evidences of title, and amendatory of the act, entitled "An act to reorganize the General Land Office;"

H. R. 602. An act to modify the act, entitled "An act to provide for the better security of the lives of passengers on board of vessels propelled in whole or in part by steam," approved July 7, 1838;

H. R. 39. Resolution relating to patents for bounty lands.

On motion by Mr. King,

Ordered, That the Secretary return the resolution (H. R. 47) explanatory of an act for the relief of Thomas King, to the House of Representatives, as, in the opinion of the Senate, it cannot be received without a suspension of the 16th joint rule.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 134) to fix the value of certain foreign moneys of account in computations at the customhouses; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 89) to reduce the rates of postage; and,

On motion by Mr. Merrick,

Resolved, That the Senate disagree thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Commitee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 782) authorizing the reissue of Treasury notes, and for other purposes, together with the amendment reported thereto; and, having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The amendment to the said bill having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time, as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 804) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of Government for the fiscal year ending the 30th day of June, 1844, together with the amendments reported thereto; and the reported amendments having been agreed to:

On motion by Mr. Woodbridge to amend the bill, page 2, line 19, by inserting the following: "*Provided*, That nothing in any resolution of either House of Congress shall prevent the settlement and payment of the bills for the printing of the two Houses of Congress, agreeably to the prices established by the joint resolution of March 3, 1819."

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 24. Nays, ... 19.

On motion by Mr. Allen,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Berrien, Choate, Conrad, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Kerr, Mangum, Merrick, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Porter, Rives, Simmons, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Tallmadge, White, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Benton, Buchanan, Calhoun, Fulton, Henderson, King, Linn, McRoberts, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright.

On motion by Mr. Woodbury, to amend the bill, section 1, line 652, &c., by striking out the following: "For payment of the books ordered by the resolution of the House of Representatives, adopted on the 8th of August, 1842, forty-seven thousand one hundred and sixty-two dollars and seventy-six cents."

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 14, Nays, ... 23.

On motion by Mr. Benton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Benton, Buahanan, Fulton, King, Linn, McRoberts, Sevier, Sturgeon, Tappan, Williams, Woodbury, Wright.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Berrien, Choate, Conrad, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Henderson, Kerr, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Porter, Simmons, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Tallmadge, White, Woodbridge.

The bill having been amended, was reported to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Woodbury, to amend the bill, by inserting, at the close of the amendment providing for printing the Compendium of the Sixth Census: "and a further sum not exceeding $24,050 to Blair & Rives for the ten thousand copies of the same work printed by them,"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 24, Nays, ... 13.

On motion by Mr. Wright,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Bayard, Benton, Buchanan, Calhoun, Fulton, Henderson, King, Linn, McRoberts, Mangum, Rives, Sevier, Sturgeon, Tallmadge, Tappan, Walker, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbridge, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Berrien, Conrad, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Kerr, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Porter, Smith, of Indiana, White.

The amendments made in Committee of the Whole having been amended, were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

Mr. Graham, from the managers on the part of the Senate, on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, on the 6th amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 659) making appropriations for the naval service for the half calendar year beginning the 1st day of January, and ending the 30th day of June, 1843, and for the fiscal year beginning the 1st day of July, 1843, and ending the 30th day of June, 1844, submitted the following report; which was read:

"The committee appointed on the part of the Senate have conferred with the managers on the part of the House of Representatives, and recommend to the Senate to adopt as a substitute for the said amendment of the Senate the following provision, to wit:

"And the Secretary of the Navy is hereby directed to cause an examination to be made of the expediency, practicability, and probable expense of constructing a dry dock in the harbor of New York upon the plan of using as an elevating power the water of the Croton aqueduct, and of suffi-

cient capacity to rebuild or repair a seventy-four gun ship, and to cause an examination of any other plan or plans of a dry dock or floating dock in said harbor deemed worthy by the Secretary to be reported upon; and to report the result of such examination, with his opinion thereon, to the next session of Congress; and all further expenditures under the appropriations heretofore made for the dry dock in said harbor shall be suspended until the 1st day of January next; and the sum of one hundred thousand dollars shall be, and the same hereby is, appropriated for the construction of a floating dry dock at Pensacola of capacity sufficient for the repairs of frigates of the smaller class, and upon such plan as the Secretary of the Navy shall approve."

Mr. Evans submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the 17th joint rule be suspended, so far as to allow all bills which may pass the two Houses this day and to-morrow to be presented to the President of the United States for his approval.

Mr. Walker submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That there be printed, under the authority of the Topographical Bureau, three hundred copies of the large outline map of Mr. Nicollet's geographical exploration west of the Mississippi river, and fifteen hundred copies of the same map reduced to a convenient and suitable size with the Topographical details, to accompany the report or descriptive memoir of the country which it is intended to illustrate.

The resolution submitted yesterday by Mr. Kerr, to make an allowance from the contingent fund to certain persons therein mentioned, was read, and passed to the second reading.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, made in pursuance of a resolution of the Senate, communicating a copy of Lieutenant Fremont's report of his exploring expedition to the Rocky Mountains; which was read.

Mr. Linn submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the report of Lieutenant Fremont, of the Topographical Engineers, be printed for the use of the Senate, and the map and drawings engraved, and that one thousand extra copies be printed, and that the work be done under the revision and correction of the Topographical Bureau, and each extra copy be covered with stout colored paper, and that one hundred copies be delivered to the Topographical Bureau for distribution:

Mr. Williams reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills and resolution:

H. R. 209. An act for the relief of Robert Ramsay;

H. R. 334. An act in relation to exemplifications of the records of land patents and other evidences of title, and amendatory of the act entitled, "An act to reorganize the General Land Office;"

H. R. 388. An act for the relief of Allen Rogers;

H. R. 420. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Daniel Brent, deceased, late consul of the United States at Paris;

H. R. 459. An act for the relief of Lyman N. Cook;

H. R. 486. An act for the relief of Garret Vleit;

H. R. 545. An act for the relief of Peters, Moore & Co.;

H. R. 554. An act for the relief of James B. Sullivan, of the county of Rapides, in the State of Louisiana;

H. R. 571. An act for the relief of Samuel M. Asberry;

H. R. 602. An act to modify the act entitled, "An act to provide for the better security of the lives of passengers on board of vessels propelled in whole or in part by steam," approved July 7, 1838;

H. R. 625. An act for the relief of the heirs or the assignees of the heirs of Isaac Todd and James McGill;

H. R. 635. An act for the relief of Boyd Reilly;

H. R. 671. An act further to continue in force the act for the payment of horses and other property lost in the military service of the United States;

H. R. 674. An act for the relief of Jeremiah Kimball;

H. R. 697. An act to provide for carrying into effect the treaty between the United States and Great Britain, concluded at Washington on the ninth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and forty-two;

H. R. 768. An act to fix the compensation of the Commissioner of Public Buildings;

H. R. 39. Resolution relating to patents for bounty lands.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 641) to test the practicability of establishing a system of electro-magnetic telegraphs by the United States; and, having been amended, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider the following bills, as in Committee of the Whole:

H. R. 693. An act providing for the settlement of claims for supplies furnished the Florida militia;

H. R. 428. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Robert T. Spence;

H. R. 729. An act for the relief of John Hodgkin;

H. R. 749. An act for the relief Samuel Weller;

H. R. 738. An act authorizing an examination and survey of the harbor of Memphis, in Tennesse;

H. R. 668. An act to authorize the election or appointment of officers in the Territory of Wisconsin;

H. R. 754. An act for the relief of Hannah Jenkins, widow of James Jenkins, deceased;

H. R. 739. An act for the relief of John McGinnis, a soldier in the late war;

H. R. 742. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of John Peters, deceased;

H. R. 563. An act for the relief of Daniel Penhallow;

H. R. 498. An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to refund to David Watkinson & Co. a part of the duties imposed on a certain quantity of tin and iron imported by them into the port of New York;

H. R. 599. An act for the relief of Hugh Riddle, of the State of New York;

H. R. 492. An act for the relief of Mary McGee and Susan Pierce, heirs-at-law of George Neilson;

H. R. 493. An act to revive an act, entitled "An act for the relief of John Davlin;"

H. R. 732. An act for the relief of Samuel K. Jennings;

H. R. 448. An act for the relief of Robert Layton's children;

H. R. 703. An act for the relief of Nancy Wilson;

H. R. 363. An act for the relief of Ruth Mathiot;

H. R. 681. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Robert A. Kelly;

H. R. 464. An act for the relief of George Waddle;

H. R. 806. An act directing the survey of the northern line of the reservation of the half breeds of the Sac and Fox tribes of Indians by the treaty of 4th August, 1824;

H. R. 30. Resolution for continuing an additional clerk in the Second Auditor's Office;

H. R. 37. Resolution directing the payment of the certificates or awards issued by the commissioners under the treaty with the Cherokee Indians;

H. R. 40. Resolution in relation to certain property purchased for the United States in the city of Detroit;

H. R. 45. Resolution to authorize the Postmaster General to settle with J. and P. Voorhees;

And no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said bills and resolutions were severally read a third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills:

H. R. 519. An act to provide for the payment of the Iowa militia called into service in December, 1839;

H. R. 597. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Henry Hoffman;

H. R. 700. An act for the relief of Jacob Miller;

H. R. 734. An act for the relief of Rebecca Guest;

H. R. 753. An act for the relief of Seth Sweetser;

H. R. 702. An act for the relief of Samuel Edgecomb;

H. R. 404. An act for the relief of Robert T. Norris;

H. R. 587. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Lieutenant F. W. Smith;

H. R. 286. An act granting an increase of pension to Isaac Plummer;

H. R. 454. An act for the relief of Asa Davis;

H. R. 755. An act granting a pension to John Carey, a free man of color;

H. R. 368. An act for the relief of Nancy Byrd, widow of Baylor Byrd, a revolutionary soldier;

H. R. 533. An act for the relief of Abraham Vanhorn;

H. R. 441. An act for the relief of Silvia Underwood, mother of Lieutenant Underwood, deceased;

H. R. 708. An act for relief of Samuel Hoffman;

H. R. 741. An act to confirm Elizabeth Burriss, her heirs or assigns, in their title to a tract of land;

H. R. 630. An act to prohibit extra allowances to any officer of the Government;

H. R. 536. An act granting a pension to Josiah Westlake; and,

Resolved, That they be indefinitely postponed.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider the following bills, as in Committee of the Whole:

H. R. 435. An act for the relief of Joseph W. Newcomb;

H. R. 611. Act to provide for the erection of a marine hospital at Key West, in the Territory of Florida;

H. R. 372. An act for the relief of Elizabeth Dawkins; and,

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 740) authorizing the investigation of alleged frauds under the pre-emption laws, and for other purposes, together with the amendments reported thereto; and, having been amended, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 600) for the relief of John Skirving, and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The amendment to the said bill having been reported correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

Mr. Sprague reported from the committee that they had this day presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills and resolution:

H. R. 196. An act for the relief of Joseph Nimblett;

H. R. 205. An act for the relief of Charles B. Hall, of Cincinnati;

H. R. 212. An act authorizing the sale of lands, with the improvements thereon, erected by the United States for the use of their agents, teachers, farmers, mechanics, and other persons employed among the Indians;

H. R. 289. An act for the relief of John Javins;

H. R. 393. An act to provide in certain cases for the sale of the real estate of infants in the District of Columbia;

H. R. 395. An act for the relief of Gorham A. Worth, one of the sureties of Samuel Edmonds, deceased;

H. R. 401. An act for the relief of William Gale;

H. R. 413. An act for the relief of Charles Gordon, owner of the schooner Two Sons, and the legal representatives of the crew of said vessel;

H. R. 422. An act for the relief of Edwin Bartlett, late consul of the United States at Lima, Peru;

H. R. 457. An act for the relief of James Sweetman;

H. R. 458. An act for the relief of Solomon Emerson;

H. R. 461. An act for the relief of John F. Wiley;

H. R. 462. An act for the relief of John Hicks;

H. R. 467. An act for the relief of Samuel Lord;

H. R. 479. An act for the relief of Richard Rush;

H. R. 485. An act for the relief of John Drysdale;

H. R. 535. An act granting a pension to Israel Thomas;

H. R. 546. An act for the relief of Richard Coke, jr., Robert Anderson, and George W. Southall;

H. R. 550. An act for the relief of Horace Wetherell;
H. R. 561. An act for the relief of Benjamin Thurslow;
H. R. 588. An act for the relief of James S. Calhoun;
H. R. 589. An act for the relief of Johnson Patrick;
H. R. 594. An act for the relief of Knott Martin, 3d, and Arnold Martin, owners of the fishing schooner Only Son, and others;
H. R. 616. An act to transfer to the trustees of Centre College, in Kentucky, the lands heretofore granted to the Kentucky asylum for teaching the deaf and dumb;
H. R. 619. An act for the relief of Asahel Lee, Harvey Lee, and Lemuel Lee;
H. R. 623. An act for the relief of Joseph R. Chandler;
H. R. 628. An act for the relief of Jonathan Britton;
H. R. 646. An act for the relief of Charles Waldron;
H. R. 647. An act for the relief of John Randolph Clay, late Secretary of Legation of the United States at the Court of Vienna;
H. R. 656. An act for the relief of James Gray;
H. R. 657. An act supplemental to the act of the 24th May, 1828, to continue a copyright to John Rowlett;
H. R. 660. An act making appropriations for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes, and for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department for the half calendar year beginning the 1st day of January and ending the 30th day of June, 1843; and for the fiscal year beginning the 1st day of July, 1843, and ending the 30th day of June, 1844;
H. R. 665. An act for the relief of Elizabeth Gresham, widow of George Gresham;
H. R. 666. An act for the relief of Elizabeth Towers;
H. R. 667. An act for the relief of George A. Winslow;
H. R. 670. An act making appropriations for certain fortifications of the United States for the half calendar year beginning the 1st day of January, and ending the 30th day of June, 1843; and for the fiscal year beginning the 1st day of July, 1843, and ending the 30th day of June, 1844;
H. R. 683. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Lieutenant William S. Eveleth;
H. R. 691. An act for the relief of the heirs of Philander Smith and James Young;
H. R. 705. An act for the relief of Andrew Fisher;
H. R. 706. An act for the relief of Gamaliel E. Smith;
H. R. 717. An act to set aside certain reservations of lands on account of live oak, in the southeastern district of Louisiana;
H. R. 723. An act for the relief of Richard Sneed;
H. R. 728. An act for the relief of S. and M. Riche;
H. R. 733. An act for the relief of John Skirving;
H. R. 748. An act making appropriations for the payment of navy pensions due on the 1st day of July, 1843, and on the 1st day of January, 1844;
H. R. 761. An act to allow a pension to Nancy Williams, widow of David Williams, who was one of the captors of Major André;
H. R. 774. An act to reduce the salary of the surveyor of the port of Camden, New Jersey;
H. R. 794. An act for the relief of John Wolfenden;

H. R. 824. An act to change the times of holding the circuit and district courts for the district of East Tennessee;

H. R. 23. Resolution directing certain papers relating to titles to land in Louisiana, to be returned to the General Land Office.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 3, 1843.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 125) to authorize the settlement of the accounts between the United States and Richard M. Carter, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill, as in Committee of the Whole; and,

On motion by Mr. Evans,

Resolved, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 770) to bring into the Treasury moneys received by certain public officers before they can be disbursed, and for other purposes, reported it with amendments.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill, as in Committee of the Whole; and,

On motion by Mr. Evans,

Resolved, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The amendments to the following bills having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bills were severally read a third time as amended:

H. R. 641. An act to test the practicability of establishing a system of electro magnetic telegraphs by the United States;

H. R. 804. An act making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of Government for the fiscal year ending the 30th day of June, 1844;

H. R. 740. An act to authorize the investigation of alleged frauds under the pre-emption laws, and for other purposes.

Resolved, That the said bills pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Bates, from the Committee Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Samuel C. Mabson, reported the following resolution; which was read.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

Mr. Bates, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of the widow of Jacob Rose, reported the following resolution:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition ought not to be grantrd.

On motion by Mr. Evans,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance, be discharged from the consideration of all subjects referred to the committee and not reported on.

Mr. Bayard, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, submitted a communication from W. W. Hunter, of the United States Navy, in relation to war steamers; which, on motion by Mr. Bayard, and by unanimous consent, was ordered to be printed.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted yesterday by Mr. Evans, for the suspension of the 17th joint rule; which was amended on the motion of Mr. Evans, and agreed to as follows:

Resolved, That the 17th joint rule be suspended so far as to allow all bills and resolutions which passed yesterday, and those which may pass to-day, to be presented to the President of the United States for his approval.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this resolution.

Mr. Sturgeon presented a petition from James P. Allen and others, citizens of the United States, and a petition of a number of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the issue of Governmont stock based on the public domain; which were ordered to lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Williams,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Naval Affairs on the petition of Benjamin Franklin; and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be not granted.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Naval Affairs on the petition of Charles L. Williamson; and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be not granted.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 653) for the relief of George C. Johnston; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 678) for the protection of commerce on the western shores of Lake Michigan, together with the amendments reported thereto; and, having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The amendments to the said bill having been reported correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 775) to repeal an act, entitled "An act to extend the collection district of Wiscasset;" and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion by Mr. Bates,

That the Senate postpone the previous orders for the purpose of consider-

ing the bill (H. R. 655) granting a pension to certain widows of revolutionary soldiers.

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 23, Nays, ... 10.

On motion by Mr. Bates,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Buchanan, Choate, Crafts, Evans, Fulton, Huntington, Kerr, Linn, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Simmons, Smith, of Connecticut, Smith, of Indiana, Sturgeon, White, Wilcox, Woodbridge, Woodbury.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Bagby, Berrien, Calhoun, Clayton, Dayton, Graham, King, McDuffie, Mangum, Porter.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill, as in Committee of the Whole, together with the amendment reported thereto; and the amendment reported to the bill having been agreed to:

On motion by Mr. McDuffie, to amend the bill by inserting at the end thereof: *Provided*, That no pension, under this act, shall be paid to any widow who was married to a revolutionary soldier or officer after the year 1783.

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 15, Nays, ... 24.

On motion by Mr. Bates,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Benton, Berrien, Calhoun, Clayton, Dayton, Graham, King, McDuffie, McRoberts, Mangum, Walker, Woodbury, Wright, Young.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Barrow, Bates, Buchanan, Choate, Crafts, Crittenden, Evans, Fulton, Huntington, Kerr, Linn, Phelps, Porter, Simmons, Smith, of Connecticut, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Sturgeon, Tallmadge, White, Wilcox, Woodbridge.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Young, that the bill lie on the table,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 17, Nays, ... 22.

On motion by Mr. Young,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Benton, Berrien, Calhoun, Clayton, Cuthbert, Dayton, Graham, King, McDuffie, McRoberts, Miller, Tappan, Walker, Williams, Wright, Young.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Barrow, Bates, Buchanan, Choate, Crafts, Evans, Huntington, Kerr, Linn, Merrick, Phelps, Porter, Simmons, Smith, of Connecticut, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Sturgeon, Tallmadge, White, Wilcox, Woodbridge.

On motion, by Mr. McRoberts,

To amend the bill, section 1, line 17, by striking out "five," and inserting "*one*,"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 24, Nays, ... 21.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted yesterday by Mr. Evans, for the suspension of the 17th joint rule; which was amended on the motion of Mr. Evans, and agreed to as follows:

Resolved, That the 17th joint rule be suspended so far as to allow all bills and resolutions which passed yesterday, and those which may pass to-day, to be presented to the President of the United States for his approval.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this resolution.

Mr. Sturgeon presented a petition from James P. Allen and others, citizens of the United States, and a petition of a number of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the issue of Governmont stock based on the public domain; which were ordered to lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Williams,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Naval Affairs on the petition of Benjamin Franklin; and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be not granted.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Naval Affairs on the petition of Charles L. Williamson; and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be not granted.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 653) for the relief of George C. Johnston; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 678) for the protection of commerce on the western shores of Lake Michigan, together with the amendments reported thereto; and, having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The amendments to the said bill having been reported correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 775) to repeal an act, entitled "An act to extend the collection district of Wiscasset;" and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion by Mr. Bates,

That the Senate postpone the previous orders for the purpose of consider-

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sixteen enrolled bills, and an enrolled resolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution from the House of Representatives to suspend the 16th and 17th joint rules, so far as relates to bill S. 104, for the relief of David Welsh, and resolution (H. R. 47) to explain an act for the relief of Thomas King; and

On motion by Mr. Evans,

The resolution was amended by adding, "and a bill (S. 6) for the relief of Robert B. Lewis."

Resolved, That the Senate concur in the resolution with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendment disagreed to by the House of Representatives, to the bill (S. 89) to reduce the rates of postage; and,

Resolved, That they insist on their amendment, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, and agree to the conference asked by the House of Representatives on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses.

Ordered, That Mr. Merrick, Mr. Wright, and Mr. Porter, be the managers at the same on the part of the Senate.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The President pro tempore signed the sixteen enrolled bills, and the enrolled resolution last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Clarke, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives concur in the resolution passed by the Senate to suspend the 17th joint rule, so far as to allow all bills and resolutions which passed the two Houses yesterday, and those which may pass to-day, to be presented to the President of the United States for his approval.

They concur in the amendment of the Senate to the resolution to suspend the 16th and 17th joint rules, so far as relates to the bill (S. 104) granting a pension to David Welsh, and resolution (H. R. 47) to explain an act for the relief of Thomas King.

The House of Representatives concur in the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H. R. 659) making appropriations for the naval service for the half calendar year beginning the first day of January and ending the 30th day of June, 1843, and for the fiscal year beginning the first day of July, 1843, and ending the 30th day of June, 1844.

They have passed a resolution to suspend the 16th and 17th joint rules so far as relates to the following bills:

H. R. 765. An act for the relief of George Harrison;

H. R. 339. An act to incorporate the Orphan Asylum and Female Free School of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia;

H. R. 714. An act providing for the insane asylum in the District of Columbia;

H. R. 715. An act to provide for pauper lunatics in the District of Columbia;

H. R. 766. An act to provide for the completion of the Potomac Bridge.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H. R. 659) making appropriations for the naval service for the half calendar year beginning the 1st day of January and ending the 30th day of June, 1843, and for the fiscal year beginning the 1st day of July, 1843, and ending the 30th day of June, 1844; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion by Mr. Williams, and by unanimous consent,

Resolved, That two members be added to the Committee on Enrolled Bills on the part of the Senate, to be appointed by the President of the Senate pro tempore; and

Mr. Dayton and Mr. Wilcox were appointed accordingly.

The President pro tempore having stated to the Senate that a mistake had been committed in engrossing the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 804) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of Government for the fiscal year ending the 30th day of June, 1844;

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives that the following amendment to the bill (H. R. 804) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of Government for the fiscal year ending the 30th day of June, 1844, was accidentally omitted in the engrossment of the amendments made by the Senate to the said bill; and that he request that the amendment may be inserted, viz:

Page 39, line 20, after "thousand," insert *five hundred.*

Mr. Sprague reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

H. R. 363. An act for the relief of Ruth Mathiot;

H. R. 428. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Robert T. Spence;

H. R. 448. An act for the relief of Robert Layton's children;

H. R. 464. An act for the relief of George Waddle;

H. R. 492. An act for the relief of Mary McGee and Susan Pierce, heirs at law of George Neilson;

H. R. 493. An act to revive an act entitled "An act for the relief of John Davlin;"

H. R. 498. An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to refund to David Watkinson and Company a part of the duties imposed on a certain quantity of tin and iron imported by them into the port of New York;

H. R. 563. An act for the relief of Daniel Penhallow;

H. R. 599. An act for the relief of Hugh Riddle, of the State of New York;

H. R. 653. An act for the relief of George C. Johnston;

H. R. 659. An act making appropriations for the naval service for the half calendar year beginning the first day of January and ending the 30th day of June, 1843, and for the fiscal year beginning the 1st day of July, 1843, and ending the 30th day of June, 1844;

H. R. 641. An act to test the practicability of establishing a system of electro-magnetic telegraphs by the United States;

H. R. 668. An act to authorize the election or appointment of officers in the Territory of Wisconsin;

H. R. 681. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Robert A. Kelly;

H. R. 693. An act providing for the settlement of claims for supplies furnished the Florida militia;

H. R. 703. An act for the relief of Nancy Wilson;

H. R. 729. An act for the relief of John Hodgkin;

H. R. 732. An act for the relief of Samuel K. Jennings;

H. R. 738. An act authorizing an examination and survey of the harbor of Memphis, Tennessee;

H. R. 739. An act for the relief of John McGinnis, a soldier in the late war;

H. R. 742. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of John Peters, deceased;

H. R. 749. An act for the relief of Samuel Weller;

H. R. 754. An act for the relief of Hannah Jenkins, widow of James Jenkins, deceased;

H. R. 775. An act to repeal an act, entitled "An act to extend the collection district of Wiscasset;"

H. R. 806. An act directing the survey of the northern line of the reservation for the half breeds of the Sac and Fox tribe of Indians, by the treaty of 4th of August, 1824;

S. 92. An act for the relief of Mary W. Thompson, widow of the late Lieutenant Colonel Thompson of the army of the United States;

S. 96. An act for the relief of Nancy Polerecsky;

S. 134. An act to fix the value of certain moneys of account, in computations at the customhouses;

H. R. 30. Resolution for continuing an additional clerk in the Second Auditor's Office;

H. R. 37. Resolution directing payment of the certificates or awards issued by the commissioners under the treaty with the Cherokee Indians;

H. R. 40. Resolution in relation to certain property purchased for the United States in the city of Detroit;

H. R. 45. Resolution authorizing the Postmaster General to settle with J. and P. Voorhees.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Clarke, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed thirty-two bills and resolutions, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President:

The President pro tempore signed the thirty-two bills and resolutions last reported to have been examined; and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States;

Mr. Williams reported from the committee that they had this day presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills and resolution:

H. R. 209. An act for the relief of Robert Ramsay;

H. R. 334. An act in relation to the exemplifications of the records of land patents and other evidences of title, and amendatory of the act entitled "An act to re-organize the General Land Office;"

H. R. 388. An act for the relief of Allen Rogers;

H. R. 420. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Daniel Brent, deceased, late consul of the United States at Paris;

H. R. 459. An act for the relief of Lyman N. Cook;

H. R. 486. An act for the relief of Garret Vleit;

H. R. 545. An act for the relief of Peters, Moore, and Company;

H. R. 554. An act for the relief of James B. Sullivan, of the county of Rapides, in the State of Louisiana;

H. R. 571. An act for the relief of Samuel M. Asberry;

H. R. 602. An act to modify the act, entitled "An act to provide for the better security of the lives of passengers on board of vessels propelled in whole or in part by steam," approved July seventh, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight:

H. R. 625. An act for the relief of the heirs, or the assignees of the heirs of Isaac Todd and James McGill;

H. R. 635. An act for the relief of Boyd Reilly;

H. R. 671. An act further to continue in force the act for the payment of horses and other property lost in the military service of the United States;

H. R. 674. An act for the relief of Jeremiah Kimball;

H. R. 697. An act to provide for carrying into effect the treaty between the United States and Great Britain, concluded at Washington on the 9th day of August, 1842;

H. R. 768. An act to fix the compensation of the Commissioner of Public Buildings.

H. R. 39. Joint resolution relating to patents for bounty lands.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Tyler, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States this day approved and signed the following bills:

An act for the relief of Richard Patten;

An act to permit the entry of merchandize recovered from shipwreck, in certain cases, free from duty;

An act for the relief of John R. Williams;

An act to amend the laws regulating imprisonment for debt within the District of Columbia;

An act declaring Robbinston, in the State of Maine, to be a port of delivery;

An act regulating the currency of foreign gold and silver coins in the United States.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

After the consideration of Executive business,

On motion by Mr. Evans,

Ordered, That the Senate take a recess until half past five o'clock.

HALF PAST FIVE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Tyler, his Secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

I transmit, herewith, to the Senate, a copy of a report received from the Director of the Mint, showing the operations of that institution for the year 1842.

JOHN TYLER.

WASHINGTON, *March* 1, 1843.

The message was read; and, by unanimous consent, ordered to be printed, with the accompanying documents.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a supplemental report of the Secretary of State, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, accompanied by a statement of the cost of commodities exported to the United States from foreign countries during the months of July, August, and September, 1842, with the rates of insurance, freights, and commissions thereon, the rates of exchange, the terms of sale, and the wages of labor in different occupations; which was read, and, by unanimous consent, ordered to be printed.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Linn, the 2d instant, in relation to the printing of the report of Lieutenant Fremont; which was amended, on the motion of Mr. Walker, and agreed to as follows:

Resolved, That the report of Lieutenant Fremont, of the Topographical Engineers, be printed for the use of the Senate, and the map and drawings engraved, and that one thousand extra copies be printed; and that the work be done under the revision and correction of the Topographical Bureau; and each extra copy covered with stout colored paper; and that one hundred copies be delivered to the Topographical Bureau for distribution.

Resolved, That there be printed under the authority of the Topographical Bureau, three hundred copies of the large outline map of Mr. Nicollet's geographical exploration west of the Mississippi river, and fifteen hundred copies of the same map reduced to a convenient and suitable size, with the topographical details, to accompany a report or descriptive memoir of the country.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Clarke, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives concur in the last clause of the 3d amendment, and in the 5th, 6th, 7th, 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 804) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of Government for the year ending the 30th day of June, 1844, and disagree to the 1st, 2d, the first part of the 3d, and to the 4th and 13th amendments of the Senate to the said bill.

They disagree to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 782) authorizing the reissue of Treasury notes, and for other purposes.

The President of the United States approved and signed this day the following bills and joint resolution:

An act for the relief of James S. Calhoun;

An act for the relief of John Javins;

An act to allow a pension to Nancy Williams, widow of David Williams, who was one of the captors of Major André;

An act making appropriations for the payment of navy pensions due on the 1st day of July, 1843, and on the 1st January, 1844;

An act to reduce the salary of the surveyor of the port of Camden, New Jersey;

An act for the relief of John Wolfenden;

An act for the relief of George A. Winslow;

An act for the relief of Elizabeth Powers;

An act for the relief of Joseph R. Chandler;

An act for the relief of James Gray;

An act for the relief of Charles Waldron;

An act for the relief of John Randolph Clay, late secretary of the legation of the United States at the court of Vienna;

An act for the relief of the heirs of Philander Smith and James Young;

An act for the relief of Gamaliel E. Smith;

An act to provide in certain cases for the sale of real estate of infants within the District of Columbia;

An act for the relief of G. and M. Riche;

An act for the relief of Richard Sneed;

An act for the relief of Andrew Fisher;

An act for the relief of John Skirving;

An act to change the times of holding the circuit and district courts for the district of East Tennessee;

An act to set aside certain reservations of lands, on account of live oak, in the southeastern district of Louisiana;

An act for the relief of Elizabeth Gresham, widow of George Gresham;

An act for the relief of Johnson Patrick;

An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Lieutenant William S. Eveleth;

An act supplementary to the act of the 24th May, 1828, to continue a copyright to John Rowlett;

An act for the relief of Benjamin Truslow;

An act for the relief of Jonathan Britton;

An act to transfer to the trustees of Centre College, in Kentucky, the lands heretofore granted to the Kentucky asylum for teaching the deaf and dumb;

An act granting a pension to Israel Thomas;

An act for the relief of Horace Wetherall;

An act for the relief of Richard Rush;

An act for the relief of Richard Coke, jun., Robert Anderson, and George W. Southall;

An act for the relief of John Drysdale;

An act for the relief of Samuel Lord;

An act for the relief of John Hicks;

An act for the relief of Knott Martin, 3d, and Arnold Martin, owners of the fishing schooner Only Son, and others;

An act authorizing a sale of lands, with the improvements thereon, erected by the United States for the use of their agents, teachers, farmers, mechanics, and other persons employed among the Indians;

An act for the relief of Edwin Bartlett, late consul of the United States at Lima, in Peru;

An act for the relief of William Gale;

An act for the relief of Solomon Emerson;

An act for the relief of Asahel Lee, Harvey Lee, and Samuel Lee;

An act for the relief of John F. Wiley;

An act for the relief of James Sweetman;

An act for the relief of Joseph Nimblett;

An act for the relief of Charles B. Hall, of Cincinnati;

An act for the relief of Gorham A. Worth, one of the sureties of Samuel Edmonds, deceased;

An act for the relief of Charles Gordon, owner of the schooner "Two Sons," and the legal representatives of the crew of said vessel;

An act making appropriations for certain fortifications of the United States for the half calendar year beginning on the 1st day of January, and ending

on the 30th June, 1843, and for the fiscal year beginning on the 1st day of July, 1843, and ending on the 30th June, 1844;

An act making appropriations for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes, and for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department for the half calendar year beginning the 1st January, and ending the 30th June, 1843, and for the fiscal year beginning the 1st of July, 1843, and ending the 30th June, 1844, and for other purposes;

Joint resolution directing certain papers relating to titles to land in Louisiana to be returned to the General Land Office.

Mr. Tallmadge presented nine memorials signed by citizens of the city of New York, a memorial of citizens of Troy, a memorial of citizens of Poughkeepsie, four memorials of citizens of Buffalo, a memorial of citizens of Rochester, and a memorial of citizens of the town of Wawarsing, New York, remonstrating against the repeal of the bankrupt law.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Buchanan presented a memorial of the board of trade of the city of Pittsburg, praying that bonds may be issued by the United States to the amount of two hundred millions of dollars for the purposes proposed by the honorable W. Cost Johnson.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Buchanan presented four memorials, signed by citizens of the United States and residents of Pennsylvania, praying that stock to the amount of two hundred millions of dollars may be created on the credit of the United States, and distributed among the States as a means of relieving the general distress.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Woodbridge presented a memorial signed by William Hilman, and others, praying the modification or repeal of the bankrupt law.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Archer,

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the consideration of all subjects referred to the committee, and not reported on.

On motion by Mr. Merrick,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be discharged from all subjects referred to the committee, and not reported on.

On motion by Mr. Berrien,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the consideration of all subjects referred to the committee, and not reported on.

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce be discharged from the consideration of all subjects referred to the committee, and not reported on.

On motion by Mr. Bayard,

Ordered, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the consideration of all subjects referred to the committee, and not reported on.

On motion by Mr. Smith, of Indiana,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the consideration of all subjects referred to the committee, and not reported on.

On motion by Mr. White,

Ordered, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be discharged from all subjects referred to the committee, and not reported on.

On motion by Mr. Kerr,

Ordered, That the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office be dis-

charged from the consideration of all subjects referred to the committee, and not reported on.

On motion by Mr. Bates,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from all subjects referred to the committee, and not reported on.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to consider the bill (H. R. 752) providing for the sale of certain lands in the States of Ohio and Michigan, ceded by the Wyandot tribe of Indians, and for other purposes; and, no amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Bates, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 583) for the relief of Joseph Ellery, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and, no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (H. R. 21) for the relief of Benjamin Ogle Tayloe, together with the amendment reported thereto; and, having been amended, the resolution was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed, and the resolution read a third time.

The amendment to the said resolution having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the resolution was read a third time, as amended.

Resolved, That this resolution pass, with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendment, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, to the bill (H. R. 782) authorizing the reissue of Treasury notes; and,

On motion by Mr. Evans,

Resolved, That the Senate insist on their amendment, and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of Conference, on the part of the Senate, consist of three members, to be appointed by the President pro tempore; and

Mr. Evans, Mr. Woodbury, and Mr. King, were appointed the committee on the part of the Senate.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution from the House of Representatives to suspend the 16th and 17th joint rules, so far as relates to bills (H. R. 765) "for the relief of George Harrison," (H. R. 339) "to incorpo-

rate the Orphan Asylum and Female Free School of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia," and other bills relating to the District of Columbia; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The resolution (H. R. 47) explanatory of an act for the relief of Thomas King, was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and, no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendments, disagreed to by the House of Representatives to the bill (H. R. 804) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of Government for the fiscal year ending the 30th day of June, 1844.

On motion by Mr. Evans,

That the Senate insist on the following amendment:

Line 19. After "dollars," insert: "*Provided*, That nothing in any resolution of either House of Congress shall prevent the settlement and payment of the bills for the printing of the two Houses of Congress, agreeably to the prices established by the joint resolution of March 3, 1819:"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 26, Nays, ... 20.

On motion by Mr. Wright,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Berrien, Choate, Clayton, Conrad, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Henderson, Kerr, Mangum, Merrick, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Porter, Simmons, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Tallmadge, White, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Benton, Buchanan, Calhoun, Cuthbert, Fulton, King, Linn, McDuffie, McRoberts, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright.

On motion by Mr. Evans,

Resolved, That the Senate recede from the first clause of their 3d amendment to the said bill, insist on their other amendments disagreed to, and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses.

Ordered, That Mr. Evans, Mr. Tallmadge, and Mr. Sevier, be the managers on the part of the Senate.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment insisted on by the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 89) to reduce the rates of postage; and,

On motion by Mr. Merrick,

Resolved, That the Senate insist on their disagreement to the said amendment, and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses.

On motion by Mr. Merrick,

Ordered, That the managers at the said conference on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President pro tempore; and,

Mr. Merrick, Mr. Wright, and Mr. Porter, were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 720) providing the means of future intercourse between the United States and the Government of China;

On motion by Mr. Bayard,

That it lie on the table,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 18, Nays, ... 23.

On motion by Mr. Tallmadge,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Bagby, Bayard, Benton, Conrad, Cuthbert, Fulton, Henderson, Linn, McRoberts, Mangum, Miller, Porter, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Sturgeon, Tappan, White, Wright.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Berrien, Buchanan, Choate, Clayton, Crafts, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Huntington, Kerr, Morehead, Phelps, Rives, Simmons, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Tallmadge, Woodbridge, Woodbury.

On motion by Mr. Benton,

To amend the bill, by striking out the following words: "the said sum to be accounted for by the President in the manner prescribed by the act of 1st July, 1790, entitled "An act providing the means of intercourse between the United States and foreign nations,"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 19, Nays, ... 24.

On motion by Mr. Benton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Bayard, Benton, Cuthbert, Fulton, Henderson, King, Linn, McRoberts, Mangum, Miller, Porter, Sevier, Smith, of Connecticut, Sturgeon, Tappan, White, Wright.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Berrien, Buchanan, Choate, Clayton, Conrad, Crafts, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Huntington, Kerr, McDuffie, Morehead, Phelps, Rives, Simmons, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Tallmadge, Woodbridge.

The following amendment having been proposed by Mr. Woodbury, viz: "Insert at the end of the bill the following: *Provided*, That the annual compensation to any one person employed under this act shall not exceed the sum of nine thousand dollars, exclusive of outfit,"

A motion was made by Mr. Conrad to amend the proposed amendment, by inserting: "*And provided, further*, That no agent shall be sent by virtue of this act unless he shall have been appointed by and with the advice and consent of the Senate;"

And the question being taken on agreeing to the amendment proposed by Mr. Conrad to the amendment of Mr. Woodbury,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 31, Nays, ... 9.

On motion by Mr. Benton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Bagby, Bayard, Benton, Calhoun, Conrad, Crafts, Crittenden, Cuthbert, Dayton, Fulton, Graham, Henderson, King, Linn, McRoberts, Mangum, Merrick, Miller, Phelps, Porter, Rives, Spragne, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, White, Williams, Woodbury, Wright.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Barrow, Bates, Choate, Clayton, Evans, Kerr, Smith, of Indiana, Tallmadge, Woodbridge.

The amendment proposed by Mr. Woodbury, as amended, was then agreed to.

The bill having been amended, was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The amendment to the said bill having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Clarke, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives concur in the amendments of the Senate to the following bills:

H. R. 600. An act for the relief of John Skirving;

H. R. 655. An act granting a pension to certain widows of revolutionary soldiers;

H. R. 678. An act for the protection of commerce on Lake Michigan;

H. R. 740. An act to authorize the investigation of alleged frauds under the pre-emption laws, and for other purposes.

They *insist* on their disagreement to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 782) authorizing the reissue of treasury-notes, agree to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, and have appointed Mr. Fillmore, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, managers at the same on their part.

They have passed bills from the Senate of the following titles:

S. 6. A bill for the relief of Robert B. Lewis;

S. 104. A bill granting a pension to David Welch;

H. R. 140. A bill to provide for holding circuit courts at Williamsport, in the western district of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Williams reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

S. 6. An act for the relief of Robert B. Lewis;

S. 104. An act granting a pension to David Welch;

S. 140. An act to provide for holding circuit courts at Williamsport, in the western district of Pennsylvania.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Clarke, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives insist on their disagreement to the 1st and 2d, the first clause of the 3d, and to the 4th and 13th amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 804) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of Government for the fiscal year ending the 30th day of June, 1844, agree to the conference asked by the Senate, and have appointed Mr. Fillmore, Mr. Botts, and Mr. Garret Davis managers at the same on their part.

Mr. Evans, from the committee of conference appointed on the part of the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H. R. 782) authorizing the reissue of treasury-notes, and for other purposes, reported:

That they have met the conferees appointed on the part of the House, and, after full and free conference upon the subject of said disagreeing votes, they have agreed to recommend, and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows, to wit: That the House recede from its disagreement to said amendment, and agree to the same amended by adding thereto, "and except also that said stock so to be issued shall be redeemable at a period not longer than ten years from the issue thereof;" and that the Senate agree to said amendment of the House to their amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said report; and,

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Wilcox, from the committee reported that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills and joint resolution:

H. R. 559. An act for the relief of the Stockbridge tribe of Indians in the Territory of Wisconsin;

H. R. 583. An act for the relief of Joseph Ellery;

H. R. 600. An act for the relief of John Skirving;

H. R. 655. An act granting a pension to certain widows of revolutionary soldiers;

H. R. 678. An act for the protection of commerce on Lake Michigan;

H. R. 740. An act to authorize the investigation of alleged frauds under the pre-emption laws, and for other purposes;

H. R. 752. An act providing for the sale of certain lands in the States of Ohio and Michigan ceded by the Wyandot tribe of Indians, and for other purposes;

H. R. 47. Joint resolution explanatory of "An act for the relief of Thomas King."

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Tyler, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States this day approved and signed the following acts:

An act to fix the value of certain foreign moneys of account in computations at the customhouses;

An act for the relief of Mary W. Thompson, widow of the late Lieutenant Colonel Thompson, of the army of the United States;

An act for the relief of Nancy Polerecsky.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Evans, from the committee of conference on the part of the Senate upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 804) "making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of Government for the fiscal year ending the 30th day of June, 1844;" reported:

"That they have met the conferees appointed on the part of the House, and, after full and free conference upon the subject of said disagreeing votes, have agreed to recommend, and do recommend, to their respective Houses as follows, to wit:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the first amendment of the Senate to said bill, and agree to said amendment; that the Senate recede from its second amendment, and amend the bill by inserting after 14th line, 3d page: "*Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall prejudice any future application to Congress for further compensation for said works;" that the House recede from its disagreement to the 4th amendment of the Senate to said bill; and that the Senate recede from its 13th amendment, and amend the same by striking out "five hundred," and inserting "two hundred and fifty," and agree to said amendment thus amended; and that the House agree to said amendment thus amended."

The Senate proceeded to consider the said report.

On the question to agree thereto,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 27. Nays, ... 17.

On motion by Mr. Woodbury,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Bates, Bayard, Berrien, Choate, Clayton, Conrad, Crafts, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Graham, Henderson, Kerr, Mangum, Merrick, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Porter, Rives, Simmons, Smith, of Indiana, Tallmadge, White, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Benton, Buchanan, Calhoun, Cuthbert, Fulton, King, Linn, McRoberts, Sturgeon, Tappan, Walker, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright.

So, it was

Resolved, That the Senate concur in the said report, and that the bill be amended accordingly.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Sprague reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (H. R. 782) authorizing the reissue of treasury notes, and for other purposes; and,

That they had this day laid before the President of the United States the the following bills and joint resolutions:

S. 92. An act for the relief of Mary W. Thompson, widow of the late Lieutenant Colonel Thompson, of the army of the United States;

S. 96. An act for the relief of Nancy Polerecsky;

S. 134. An act to fix the value of certain moneys of account in computations at the customhouses;

H. R. 363. An act for the relief of Ruth Mathiot;

H. R. 428. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Robert T. Spence;

H. R. 448. An act for the relief of Robert Layton's children;

H. R. 464. An act for the relief of George Waddle;

H. R. 492. An act for the relief Mary McGee and Susan Pierce, heirs-at-law of George Neilson;

H. R. 493. An act to revive an act, entitled "An act for the relief of John Davlin;"

H. R. 498. An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to refund to David Watkinson & Co. a part of the duties imposed on a certain quantity of tin and iron imported by them into the port of New York;

H. R. 563. An act for the relief of Daniel Penhallow;

H. R. 599. An act for the relief of Hugh Riddle, of the State of New York;

H. R. 641. An act to test the practicability of establishing a system of electro-magnetic telegraphs by the United States;

H. R. 653. An act for the relief of George C. Johnston;

H. R. 659. An act making appropriations for the naval service for the half calendar year beginning the 1st day of January, and ending the 30th day of June, 1843, and for the fiscal year beginning the 1st day of July, 1843, and ending the 30th day of June, 1844;

H. R. 668. An act to authorize the election or appointment of officers in the Territory of Wisconsin;

H. R. 681. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Robert A. Kelly;

H. R. 693. An act providing for the settlement of claims for supplies furnished the Florida militia;

H. R. 703. An act for the relief of Nancy Wilson;

H. R. 729. An act for the relief of John Hodgkin;

H. R. 732. An act for the relief of Samuel K. Jennings;

H. R. 738. An act authorizing an examination and survey of the harbor of Memphis, in Tennessee;

H. R. 739. An act for the relief of John McGinnis, a soldier in the late war;

H. R. 742. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of John Peters, deceased;

H. R. 749. An act for the relief of Samuel Weller;

H. R. 754. An act for the relief of Hannah Jenkins, widow of James Jenkins, deceased;

H. R. 775. An act to repeal an act, entitled "An act to extend the collection district of Wiscasset;"

H. R. 806. An act directing the survey of the northern line of the reservation for the half-breeds of the Sac and Fox tribe of Indians, by the treaty of fourth of August, 1824;

H. R. 30. Resolution for continuing an additional clerk in the Second Auditor's office;

H. R. 37. Resolution directing payment of the certificates or warrants issued by the commissioners under the treaty with the Cherokee Indians;

H. R. 40. Resolution in relation to certain property purchased for the United States in the city of Detroit;

H. R. 45. Resolution authorizing the Postmaster General to settle with J. and P. Voorhees.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 725) for the relief of Thomas Weaver and Jacob Heyberger, sureties of the Norristown and Valley Railroad Company; and, no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Clarke, their Clerk:

The House of Representatives have passed a resolution to suspend the 16th joint rule for the purpose of presenting to the Senate the bill (H. R.

792) entitled "An act to divide the United States into two military districts," and a resolution (H. R. 46) "to present to the British Government a set of standard weights and measures."

They have also passed a resolution to suspend the 16th joint rule so far as to permit the presentation to the Senate of bill (H. R. 361) to protect the live oak and other timber on the public lands from trespass; in which resolutions they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They have passed bills of the following titles:

H. R. 339. An act to incorporate the Orphan Asylum and Female Free School of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia;

H. R. 714. An act providing for the insane asylum, in the District of Columbia;

H. R. 715. An act to provide for the pauper lunatics in the District of Columbia;

H. R. 766. An act to provide for the completion of the Potomac bridge, in the District of Columbia; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They concur in the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 740) providing the means of future intercourse between the United States and the Government of China; and agree to the report of the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H. R. 804), entitled "An act making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of Government for the fiscal year ending the 30th day of June, 1844.

The President of the United States has this day approved and signed the following acts:

An act making appropriations for the naval service for the half calendar year beginning with the 1st day of January, and ending the 30th day of June, 1843, and for the fiscal year beginning the 1st day of July, 1843, and ending the 30th June, 1844;

An act for the relief of Samuel Weller;

An act to repeal the bankrupt act;

An act for the relief of George Waddle;

An act for the relief of Robert Layton's children;

An act for the relief of the legal representatives of John Peters, deceased;

An act to repeal an act, entitled "An act to extend the collection district of Wiscasset;"

An act to test the practicability of establishing a system of electro-magnetic telegraphs by the United States;

An act for the relief of Hugh Riddle, of the State of New York;

An act directing the survey of the northern line of the reservation for the half breeds of the Sac and Fox Indians by the treaty of August, 1824;

An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Robert A. Kelly, deceased;

An act to revive an act, entitled "An act for the relief of John Davlin;"

An act for the relief of Mary McGee and Susan Pierce, heirs at law of Robert Neilson;

An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to refund to David Watkinson and Company a part of the duties imposed on a certain quantity of tin and iron imported by them into the port of New York;

An act for the relief of Daniel Penhallow;

An act for the relief of George C. Johnston;

An act providing for the settlement of claims for supplies furnished the Florida militia;

An act for the relief of Hannah Jenkins, widow of James Jenkins, deceased;

An act for the relief of Nancy Wilson;

An act for the relief of John Hodgkin;

An act for the relief of Samuel K. Jennings;

An act for the relief of Ruth Mathiot;

An act authorizing an examination and survey of the harbor of Memphis, Tennessee;

An act for the relief of John McGinnis, a soldier in the late war;

An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Robert T. Spence;

A joint resolution for continuing an additional clerk in the Second Auditor's office;

A joint resolution to authorize the Postmaster General to settle with J. and P. Voorhees;

A joint resolution in relation to certain property purchased for the United States, in the city of Detroit.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed fourteen enrolled bills and an enrolled resolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Dayton reported from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

H. R. 720. An act providing the means of future intercourse between the United States and the Government of China;

H. R. 725. An act for the relief of Thomas Weaver and Jacob Heyberger, sureties of the Norristown and Valley Railroad company;

H. R. 804. An act making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of Government for the fiscal year ending the 30th day of June, 1844.

The President pro tempore signed the fourteen enrolled bills and the enrolled resolution (H. R. 559, 583, 600, 655, 678, 740, 752, 782, 720, 725, 804, S. 6, 104, 140, H. R. 47) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

Mr. Wilcox reported from the committee that they had this day presented to the President of the United States the following bills:

H. R. 559. An act for the relief of the Stockbridge tribe of Indians in the Territory of Wisconsin;

H. R. 583. An act for the relief of Joseph Ellery;

H. R. 600. An act for the relief of John Skirving;

H. R. 655. An act granting a pension to certain widows of revolutionary soldiers;

H. R. 678. An act for the protection of commerce on Lake Michigan;

H. R. 740. An act to authorize the investigation of alleged frauds under the pre-emption laws, and for other purposes;

H. R. 752. An act providing for the sale of certain lands in the States of Ohio and Michigan, ceded by the Wyandot tribe of Indians;

H. R. 782. An act authorizing the reissue of treasury-notes, and for other purposes;

S. 6. An act for the relief of Robert B. Lewis;

S. 104. An act granting a pension to David Welch;

S. 140. An act to provide for holding circuit courts at Williamsport, in the western district of Pennsylvania;

H. R. 47. Joint resolution explanatory of "An act for the relief of Thomas King."

Mr. Dayton reported from the committee that they had this day presented to the President of the United States the following acts:

H. R. 720. An act providing the means of future intercourse between the United States and the Government of China;

H. R. 725. An act for the relief of Thomas Weaver and Jacob Heyberger, sureties of the Norristown and Valley Railroad company;

H. R. 804. An act making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of Government for the fiscal year ending the 30th day of June, 1844.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution of the House of Representatives to suspend the 16th joint rule, so far as relates to bill (H. R. 792) to divide the United States into two military districts, and a resolution to present to the British Government a set of standard weights and measures; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Clarke, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a resolution (H. R. 46) to present to the Government of Great Britain a set of the United States standard of weights and measures; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They have passed a resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him, that unless he may have other communications to make to the two Houses of Congress, they are ready to adjourn; and

Mr. Cushing, Mr. Pickens, and Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll have been appointed the committee on their part.

The President of the United States has this day approved and signed the following acts:

An act for the relief of Robert B. Lewis;

An act granting a pension to David Welch;

An act to provide for holding circuit courts at Williamsport, in the western district of Pennsylvania;

Joint resolution explanatory of an act for the relief of Thomas King;

An act for the relief of the Stockbridge tribe of Indians in the Territory of Wisconsin;

An act to authorize the investigation of alleged frauds under the preemption laws, and for other purposes;

An act for the relief of John Skirving;

An act for the relief Joseph Ellery;

An act for the protection of commerce on Lake Michigan;

An act providing for the sale of certain lands in the States of Ohio and Michigan, ceded by the Wyandot tribe of Indians, and for other purposes;

An act authorizing the reissue of treasury-notes, and for other purposes;

An act granting a pension to the widows of certain revolutionary soldiers;

An act making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of Government for the fiscal year ending the 30th day of June, 1844;

An act providing the means of future intercourse between the United States and the Government of China;

An act for the relief of Thomas Weaver and Jacob Heyberger, sureties of the Norristown and Valley Railroad company.

The resolution from the House of Representatives (H. R. 46) to present to the Government of Great Britain a set of the United States standard of weights and measures, was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Williams submitted the following resolution, which was considered by unanimous consent, and agreed to.

Resolved, That the Chief of the Topographical Bureau be directed to cause to be printed five hundred copies of the reduced map marked G 3, prepared by Major Graham from the surveys made by the Commissioners appointed under the act of Congress of 20th July, 1840, for surveying the northeastern boundary of the United States, and from other authentic sources, showing from actual survey the lines of boundary as claimed by the United States, by Great Britain, as awarded by the King of the Netherlands, and as settled by the treaty of Washington.

On motion by Mr. Merrick,

Ordered, That William Jones have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

On motion by Mr. Wright,

Ordered, That Sarah Parker have leave to withdraw her petition and papers.

On motion by Mr. Buchanan,

Ordered, That William B. McMurtrie have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

On motion by Mr. Bagby,

Ordered, That W. Fisher have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the resolution to allow additional compensation to the persons therein mentioned; and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read a third time, and passed as follows:

Resolved, That there be paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate, and under the direction of the committee to control and audit the same, to each of the messengers, assistant messengers, pages, and laborers in the service of the Senate, the same extra allowances, respectively, that were paid them at the last session of Congress.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution passed by the House of Representatives, for the appointment of a joint committee to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him that unless he may have other communications to make to the two Houses of Congress, they are ready to adjourn; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

On motion,

Ordered, That the committee be appointed by the President pro tempore, and

Mr. King, Mr. Evans, and Mr. Bates were appointed accordingly.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Benton submitted the following resolution, which was considered and unanimously agreed to.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Senate be presented to the honorable Willie P. Mangum, for the ability and impartiality with which he has discharged the duties of President pro tempore of the Senate.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Clarke, their Clerk:

Mr. President: I am directed to notify the Senate, that the House of Representatives is ready to close the present session by adjournment.

After the consideration of executive business,

Mr. King, from the committee appointed on the part of the Senate to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him, that unless he may have other communications to make, the two Houses are ready to adjourn, reported that they had performed the duties assigned them, and that the President replied that he had no further communication to make.

Whereupon,

On motion by Mr. King,

The Senate adjourned *sine die*.

APPENDIX.

Senators of the United States, whose seats will be vacant in—

1845.	1847.	1849.
Mr. Bayard, of Del.	Mr. Archer, of Virginia.	Mr. Allen, of Ohio.
Benton, of Missouri.	Barrow, of La.	Atherton, of N. H.
Choate, of Mass.	Bates, of Mass.	Bagby, of Alabama.
Dayton, of N. J.	Berrien, of Georgia.	Breese, of Illinois.
Fairfield, of Maine.	Clayton, of Del.	Buchanan, of Penn.
Henderson, of Miss.	Evans, of Maine.	Colquit, of Georgia.
Huntington, of Con.	Fulton, of Ark.	Crittenden, of Ky.
Merrick, of Md.	Huger, of S. C.	Hannegan, of Ind.
Phelps, of Vermont.	King, of Alabama.	Haywood, of N. C.
Porter, of Michigan.	McRoberts, of Ill.	Linn, of Missouri.
Rives, of Virginia.	Mangum, of N. C.	McDuffie, of S. C.
Sprague, of R. I.	Miller, of N. J.	Niles, of Con.
Sturgeon, of Penn.	Morehead, of Ky.	Porter, of La.
Tallmadge, of N. Y.	Simmons, of R. I.	Sevier, of Ark.
Tappan, of Ohio.	Walker, of Miss.	Upham, of Vt.
White, of Indiana.	Woodbridge. of M'n	Wright, of N. Y.
	Woodbury, of N. H.	
Vacant.	*Vacant.*	*Vacant.*
Tennessee . . . 1.	Tennessee . . . 1.	Maryland . . . 1.

APPENDIX.

LIST OF ACTS

Passed during the third session of the Twenty-seventh Congress.

PUBLIC ACTS.

An act to perfect the titles to lands south of the Arkansas river, held under New Madrid locations; and pre-emption rights under the act of 1814.

An act to authorize the issuing of a new register for the American ship Westchester, of New York, by the name of the Atlantic, of New York.

An act regulating the currency of foreign gold and silver coins in the United States.

An act to authorize the Legislatures of the States of Illinois, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Tennessee, to sell the lands heretofore appropriated for the use of schools in those States.

An act to continue the office of Commissioner of Pensions.

An act to re-enact and continue in operation the several acts now in force for the relief of insolvent debtors of the United States.

An act to amend the charter of the town of Alexandria.

An act declaring Robbinston in the State of Maine to be a port of delivery.

An act altering the times of holding the circuit court of the United States for the district of Connecticut.

An act in relation to the two per cent. fund of the State of Mississippi.

An act to amend the laws regulating imprisonment for debt within the District of Columbia.

An act to fix the value of certain foreign moneys of account in computations at the customhouses.

An act to permit the entry of merchandise recovered from shipwreck, in certain cases, free from duty.

An act to provide for holding circuit courts at Williamsport in the western district of Pennsylvania.

An act making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of Government for the half calendar year ending the 30th day of June, eighteen hundred and forty-three.

An act making appropriations for the support of the army and of the military academy, and for armories, arsenals, arms, and munitions of war and surveys, for the half calendar year ending the 30th day of June, 1843, and for the fiscal year beginning the 1st day of July, 1843, and ending the 30th day of June, 1844.

An act making appropriations for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes, and for the current and contingent expenses of the

Indian department for the half calendar year ending the 30th day of June, 1843, and for the fiscal year beginning the 1st day of July, 1843, and ending the 30th day of June, 1844.

An act making appropriations for pensions for the half calendar year beginning the 1st day of January, and ending the 30th day of June, 1843; and for the fiscal year beginning the 1st day of July, 1843, and ending the 30th day of June, 1844.

An act making appropriations for certain fortifications of the United States for the half calendar year beginning on the 1st day of January, and ending on the 30th day of June, 1843; and for the fiscal year beginning on the 1st day of July, 1843, and ending on the 30th day of June, 1844.

An act making appropriations for the payment of navy pensions due on the 1st day of July, 1843, and on the 1st day of January, 1844.

An act making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of Government for the fiscal year ending the 30th day of June, 1844.

An act to change the place of holding the circuit and district courts in the district of Maine.

An act authorizing the sale of lands, with the improvements thereon, erected by the United States for the use of their agents, teachers, farmers, mechanics, and other persons employed among the Indians.

An act in relation to the exemplifications of the records of land patents and other evidences of title, and amendatory of the act, entitled "An act to re-organize the General Land Office."

An act for the payment of seven companies of Georgia militia for services rendered in the years 1840 and 1841.

An act to provide in certain cases for the sale of the real estate of infants within the District of Columbia.

An act to authorize the chief clerk in the office of the Secretary of State to frank public and official documents sent from that office.

An act for the relief of the Stockbridge tribe of Indians in the Territory of Wisconsin.

An act to modify the act, entitled "An act to provide for the better security of the lives of passengers on board of vessels propelled in whole or in part by steam," approved July 7, 1838.

An act to repeal the bankrupt act.

An act to transfer to the trustees of Centre College, in Kentucky, the lands heretofore granted to the Kentucky asylum for teaching deaf and dumb.

An act to amend the act establishing a district court of the United States at Wheeling, Virginia.

An act to test the practicability of establishing a system of electro-magnetic telegraphs by the United States.

An act granting pensions to certain widows of revolutionary soldiers.

An act to authorize the election or appointment of officers in the Territory of Wisconsin.

An act to continue in force the act for the payment of horses and other property lost in the military service of the United States.

An act for the protection of commerce on Lake Michigan.

An act providing for the settlement of claims for supplies furnished the Florida militia.

An act to set aside certain reservations of lands on account of live oak, in the southeastern district of Louisiana.

An act providing the means of future intercourse between the United States and the Government of China.

An act authorizing an examination and survey of the harbor of Memphis, in Tennessee.

An act to authorize the investigation of alleged frauds under the pre-emption laws, and for other purposes.

An act providing for the sale of certain lands in the States of Ohio and Michigan, ceded by the Wyandot tribe of Indians, and for other purposes.

An act to amend an act, entitled "An act making an appropriation for the erection of a marine hospital, at or near Ocracoke, North Carolina."

An act amendatory of an act establishing the branch mint at Dahlonega, Georgia, and defining the duties of assayer and coiner.

An act to fix the compensation of the Commissioner of Public Buildings.

An act to continue in force an act therein mentioned, relating to the port of Baltimore.

An act to reduce the salary of the surveyor of the port of Camden, New Jersey.

An act to repeal an act, entitled "An act to extend the collection district of Wiscasset."

An act authorizing the re-issue of treasury-notes, and for other purposes.

An act regulating the mode of paying over to the State of Alabama, the two per cent. fund relinquished to that State, by the act approved on the fourth day of September, eighteen hundred and forty-one.

An act directing the survey of the northern line of the reservation for the half breeds of the Sac and Fox tribes of Indians, by the treaty of 4th August, 1824.

An act amendatory of "An act for the relief of sick and disabled seamen."

An act to change the times of holding the circuit and district courts for the district of East Tennessee.

An act to provide for carrying into effect the treaty between the United States and Great Britain, concluded at Washington the 9th August, 1842.

Joint resolution for the distribution of certain copies of the census returns, and of the Compendium of the Sixth Census.

Joint resolution for the distribution of catalogues of the Library of Congress.

Joint resolution directing certain papers relating to titles to land in Louisiana to be returned to the General Land Office.

Joint resolution to establish agencies for water-rotted hemp.

Joint resolution for continuing an additional clerk in the Second Auditor's Office.

Joint resolution presenting the thanks of Congress to Samuel T. Washington for the service sword of George Washington, and the staff of Benjamin Franklin, presented by him to Congress.

Joint resolution directing payment of the certificates or awards of commissioners under the treaty with the Cherokee Indians.

Joint resolution relating to patents for bounty lands.

Joint resolution in relation to certain property purchased for the States in the city of Detroit.

PRIVATE ACTS.

An act for the relief of Robert B. Lewis.
An act for the relief of the Steamboat Company of Nantucket.
An act for the relief of J. R. Vienne.
An act for the relief of William De Buys, late postmaster at New Orleans.
An act for the relief of Elizabeth Munroe.
An act for the relief of the heirs of Madame De Lusser, and their legal representatives.
An act for the relief of Samuel Dicy.
An act to revive the act for the relief of Mary Tucker.
An act for the relief of Richard Patten.
An act for the relief Mary W. Thompson, widow of the late Lieutenant Colonel Thompson of the army of the United States.
An act for the relief of Nancy Polerecsky.
An act for the relief of John R. Williams.
An act granting a pension to David Welch.
An act for the relief of Asahel Brainard.
An act for the relief of Joseph Nimblett.
An act for the relief of Charles B. Hall, of Cincinnati.
An act for the relief of Robert Ramsay.
An act for the relief of John Javins.
An act for the relief of Samuel Hambleton.
An act for the relief of William Allen.
An act for the relief of Benjamin J. Totten.
An act for the relief of Mary Crawford.
An act granting to James Lowe one thousand dollars and a section of land.
An act for the relief of Ruth Mathiot.
An act for the relief of Nancy Hambright, widow of Captain John Hambright, deceased.
An act for the relief of Allen Rogers.
An act for the relief of William G. Sanders.
An act for the relief of Gorham A. Worth, one of the sureties of Samuel Edmunds, deceased.
An act for the relief of the representatives of Alexander Macomb, Robert Jennings, and the heirs and legal representatives of James Roddy, deceased, sureties of Samuel Champlin, late a paymaster in the army of the United States.
An act for the relief of William Gale.
An act for the relief of Charles Gordon, owner of the schooner Two Sons, and the legal representatives of the crew of said vessel.
An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Daniel Brent, deceased, late consul of the United States at Paris,
An act for the relief of Edwin Bartlet, late consul of the United States at Lima, in Peru.
An act for the relief of the administrator of John Jackson.
An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Robert T. Spence.
An act for the relief of Peter Lionberger.
An act for the relief of John R. Delany.
An act for the relief of Robert Layton's children.
An act for the relief of James Sweetman.

An act for the relief of Solomon Emerson.
An act for the relief of Lyman N. Cook.
An act for the relief of John F. Wiley.
An act for the relief of John Hicks.
An act for the relief of George Waddle.
An act for the relief of Samuel Lord.
An act for the relief of Caspar W. Wever.
An act for the relief of Richard Rush.
An act for the relief of the owners of the fund received from the British Government as an indemnity for slaves lost from on board the Comet and Encomium at Nassau, Bahamas.
An act for the relief of James M. Morgan.
An act for the relief of John Drysdale.
An act for the relief of Garret Vleit.
An act for the relief of Elisha Moreland, William M. Kennedy, Robert J. Kennedy, and Mason E. Lewis.
An act for the relief of Samuel D. Rose, and others.
An act for the relief of Barent Stryker.
An act for the relief of John Wharry.
An act for the relief of Mary McGee and Susan Pierce, heirs at law of George Neilson.
An act to revive an act, entitled "An act for the relief of John Davlin."
An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to refund to David Watkinson & Co. a part of the duties imposed on a certain quantity of tin and iron imported by them into the port of New York.
An act for the relief of Joshua Drew.
An act for the relief of Isaac and Thomas S. Winslow.
An act for the relief of Burr and Smith.
An act granting a pension to Israel Thomas.
An act for the relief of Joseph Hover, Abelard Guthrie, and Edmund Ogden.
An act for the relief of Peters, Moore & Co.
An for the relief of Richard Coke, jr., Robert Anderson, and George W. Southall.
An act for the relief of Horace Wetherell.
An act for the relief of Ferdinand Leibert.
An act for the relief of James B. Sullivan, of the county of Rapides, in the State of Louisiana.
An act for the relief of Benjamin Truslow.
An act for the relief of Daniel Penhallow.
An act for the relief of Snow Y. Sears.
An act for the relief of Samuel M. Asberry.
An act for the relief of John P. Skinner, and the legal representatives of Isaac Green.
An act for the relief of Mary Williams, widow of Jacob Williams, deceased.
An act for the relief of Joseph Ellery.
An act for the relief of James S. Calhoun.
An act for the relief of Johnson Patrick.
An act for the relief of Cornelius Wilson and James Canter.
An act for the relief of Knott Martin, 3d, and Arnold Martin, owners of the fishing schooner Only Son, and others.

An act for the relief of Hugh Riddle, of the State of New York.
An act for the relief of John Skirving.
An act for the relief of Thomas King.
An act to authorize the enrolment or register of the brig Neuva Granada.
An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Captain Samuel Shannon, deceased.
An act for the relief of Asahel Lee, Harvey Lee, and Lemuel Lee.
An act for the relief of John Core.
An act for the relief of Thomas D. Gilson.
An act for the relief of Joseph R. Chandler.
An act for the relief of the heirs or the assignees of the heirs of Isaac Todd and James McGill.
An act for the relief of Jonathan Britton.
An act for the relief of John E. Hunt and others.
An act for the relief of Boyd Reilly.
An act for the relief of George Randall, John C. Haskell, and Elisha H. Holmes.
An act for the relief of Robert G. Ford.
An act for the relief of Charles Waldron.
An act for the relief of John Randolph Clay, late secretary of legation of the United States at the court of Vienna.
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An act for the relief of Samuel K. Jennings.
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An act for the relief of the legal representatives of John Peters, deceased.
An act for the relief of certain companies of Michigan militia.
An act for the relief of Samuel Weller.
An act for the relief of Hannah Jenkins, widow of James Jenkins, deceased.

An act to allow a pension to Nancy Williams, widow of David Williams, who was one of the captors of Major André.

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An act for the relief of Joseph Wolfenden.

Joint resolution for the relief of Benjamin Ogle Tayloe.

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Joint resolution explanatory of an act for the relief of Thomas King.

EXECUTIVE PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

From which the injunction of secrecy has been removed.

Proceedings on the nomination of John R Coxe, jr.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1837.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Andrew Jackson, jr., his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

I nominate John R. Coxe, jr., to be a lieutenant in the navy from this date.

ANDREW JACKSON.

WASHINGTON, *February* 20, 1837.

The message was read.

Ordered, That the message nominating John R. Coxe, jr., be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 1837.

Mr. Rives, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the message of 20th February last, nominating John R. Coxe, jr., reported.

On motion by Mr. Rives,

Ordered, That said nomination be postponed until to-morrow.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 1837.

On motion by Mr. Rives,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the message nominating John R. Coxe, jr.; and,

On motion by Mr. Wall,

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to the appointment of John R. Coxe, jr., to be a lieutenant in the navy, to take rank next after lieutenant Elisha Peck.

FRIDAY JANUARY 20, 1843.

Mr. Conrad submitted the following motion for consideration.

Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from the papers and proceedings of the Senate in relation to the nomination of John R. Coxe as lieutenant of the navy in the year 1837.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1843.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion submitted by Mr. Conrad on the 20th January; which was amended, and agreed to as follows:

Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from the proceedings of the Senate on the nomination of John R. Coxe as lieutenant of the navy in 1837, with the exception of the papers relating to said nomination.

Executive proceedings on the nomination of Henry A. Wise.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1843.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Tyler, his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

I nominate to the Senate Henry A. Wise, of Virginia, to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States to the court of his Majesty the King of the French, in the place of Lewis Cass, resigned.

JOHN TYLER.

WASHINGTON, *February* 27, 1843.

The message was read.

Ordered, That the nomination of Henry A. Wise be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 1843.

Mr. Archer, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred, on the 27th February, the nomination of Henry A. Wise, reported.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 1843.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nomination of Henry A. Wise; and, after debate,

On the question, "Will the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of Henry A. Wise?"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 12, Nays, ... 24.

On motion by Mr. Smith, of Indiana,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Buchanan, Calhoun, Choate, Cuthbert, Evans, Fulton, King, McDuffie, Sturgeon, Tallmadge, Walker.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Bagby, Barrow, Benton, Berrien, Clayton, Conrad, Crafts, Crittenden, Dayton, Graham, Henderson, Huntington, Kerr, Mangum, Merrick, Miller, Phelps, Porter, Simmons, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Tappan, White, Woodbridge.

So, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do not advise and consent to the appointment of Henry A. Wise, of Virginia, to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States to the court of his Majesty the King of the French, in the place of Lewis Cass, resigned.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Tyler, his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

In submitting the name of Henry A. Wise to the Senate for the mission to France, I was led to do so by considerations of his high talent, his exalted character, and great moral worth. The country, I feel assured, would be represented at Paris in the person of Mr. Wise by one wholly unsurpassed in exalted patriotism, and well fitted to be the representive of his country abroad. His rejection by the Senate has caused me to reconsider his qualifications, and I see no cause to doubt that he is eminently qualified for the station. I feel it, therefore, to be my duty to renominate him.

I nominate Henry A. Wise, of Virginia, to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to the court of his Majesty the King of the French, in place of Lewis Cass, resigned.

JOHN TYLER.

WASHINGTON, *March* 3, 1843.

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nomination of Henry A. Wise; and, after debate,

On the question, "Will the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of Henry A. Wise?"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 8, Nays, ... 26.

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Calhoun, Cuthbert, Fulton, King, McDuffie, Sevier, Sturgeon, Walker.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Bagby, Barrow, Bayard, Benton, Berrien, Clayton, Conrad, Crafts, Crittenden, Evans, Graham, Henderson, Huntington, Linn, Mangum, Merrick, Miller, Morehead, Porter, Simmons, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Tappan, White, Woodbridge.

So, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do not advise and consent to the appointment of Henry A. Wise, of Virginia, to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to the court of his Majesty the King of the French, in place of Lewis Cass, resigned.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Tyler, his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

I nominate Henry A. Wise to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to the court of his Majesty the King of the French, in the place of Lewis Cass, resigned.

JOHN TYLER.

MARCH 3, 1843.

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nomination of Henry A. Wise; and

On the question, "Will the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of Henry A. Wise?"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 2, Nays, ... 29.

On motion by Mr. Smith, of Indiana,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Cuthbert and Walker,

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Bagby, Barrow, Bayard, Benton, Berrien, Clayton, Conrad, Crafts, Crittenden, Dayton, Graham, Henderson, Huntington, Linn, Mangum, Merrick, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Porter, Sevier, Simmons, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Tappan, White, Woodbridge.

So, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do not advise and consent to the appointment of Henry A. Wise to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to the court of his Majesty the King of the French, in the place of Lewis Cass, resigned.

On motion by Mr. Conrad,

Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from the proceedings of the Senate on the nomination of Henry A. Wise.

Proceedings on the nomination of Caleb Cushing.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 1843.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Tyler, his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

I nominate Caleb Cushing, of Massachusetts, to be Secretary of the Treasury, in place of Walter Forward, resigned.

JOHN TYLER.

WASHINGTON, *March* 2, 1843.

The message was read.

Ordered, That the nomination of Caleb Cushing be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Graham, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was this day referred the nomination of Caleb Cushing, reported.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 1843.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nomination of Caleb Cushing; and, after debate,

On the question, "Will the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of Caleb Cushing?"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 19, Nays, ... 27.

On motion by Mr. Graham,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Bates, Buchanan, Calhoun, Choate, Cuthbert, Evans, Fulton, King, McDuffie, McRoberts, Rives, Sevier, Sturgeon, Tallmadge, Walker, Wilcox, Williams, Woodbury, Wright.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Bagby, Barrow, Bayard, Benton, Berrien, Clayton, Conrad, Crafts, Crittenden, Graham, Henderson, Huntington, Kerr, Linn, Mangum, Merrick, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Porter, Simmons, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Tappan, White.

So, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do not advise and consent to the appointment of Caleb Cushing, of Massachusetts, to be Secretary of the Treasury, in place of Walter Forward, resigned.

The following message was received from the President of the United States by Mr. Tyler, his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

In submitting to you the name of Caleb Cushing as Secretary of the Treasury, I did so in full view of his consummate abilities, his unquestioned patriotism, and full capacity to discharge with honor to himself and and advantage to the country, the high and important duties appertaining to that department of the Government. The respect which I have for the wisdom of the Senate has caused me again since his rejection to reconsider his merits and his qualifications. That review has satisfied me that I could not have a more able adviser in the administration of public affairs, or the country a more faithful officer. I feel it, therefore, to be my duty to renominate him.

I nominate Caleb Cushing to be Secretary of the Treasury, in the place of Walter Forward, resigned.

JOHN TYLER.

MARCH 3, 1843.

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nomination of Caleb Cushing; and, after debate,

On the question, "Will the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of Caleb Cushing?"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 10, Nays, ... 27.

On motion by Mr. Archer,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Bates, Calhoun, Cuthbert, Fulton, King, McDuffie, Rives, Sevier, Sturgeon, Walker.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Bagby, Barrow, Bayard, Benton, Berrien, Clayton, Conrad, Crafts, Crittenden, Graham, Henderson, Huntington, Kerr, Linn, Mangum, Merrick, Miller, Morehead, Porter, Simmons, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Tappan, White, Woodbridge.

So, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do not advise and consent to the appointment of Caleb Cushing to be Secretary of the Treasury, in the place of Walter Forward, resigned.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Tyler, his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

I nominate Cushing as Secretary of the Treasury, in the place of Walter Forward, resigned.

JOHN TYLER.

MARCH 3, 1843.

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nomination of Caleb Cushing; and,

On the question, "Will the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of Caleb Cushing?"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 2, Nays, ... 29.

On motion by Mr. Smith, of Indiana,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Cuthbert and Walker.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Bagby, Barrow, Bayard, Benton, Berrien, Clayton, Conrad, Crafts, Crittenden, Dayton, Graham, Henderson, Huntington, Kerr, Linn, Mangum, Merrick, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Porter, Simmons, Smith, of Indiana, Sprague, Tappan, White, Woodbridge.

So, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do not advise and consent to the appointment of Caleb Cushing to be Secretary of the Treasury, in place of Walter Forward, resigned.

On motion by Mr. Conrad,

Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from the proceedings of the Senate on the nomination of Caleb Cushing.

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Number.	Title.	First reading.	Proceedings before passage.	Passed Senate.	Passed H. R.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
96	A bill for the relief of Nancy Polereczky - - - - - -	131	243, 248	248	281	284, 294	293
97	A bill for the relief of Henry M. Shreve, and to authorize the purchase of his patent for the snag boat - -	132					
98	A bill for the relief of Richard Dewitt and Ira J. Price - - -	132	160				
99	A bill for the relief of Daniel G. Skinner, of Alabama - - -	134	243, 248	248			
100	A bill for the relief of John Hutchins -	135	193	193			
101	A bill in relation to the two per cent. fund of the State of Mississippi -	135	167	167	241	241, 242, 247, 251	256
102	A bill for the relief of John R. Williams - - - - - -	135	243, 248	248	267	270	285
103	A bill to extend the charters of the district banks - - - -	139	244, 252, 253, 262	253			
104	A bill granting a pension to David Welch - - - -	139	250, 252, 253, 262, 281, 282	253	292	292, 297	298
105	A bill relating to the appointment of Assistant Postmasters General of the United States - - -	139	172, 175	175			
106	A bill to alter the places of holding the district court of the United States for the district of New Jersey - -	139	155	157			
107	A bill for the relief of Jameson & Williamson - - - -	140					
108	A bill to establish a port of entry at the city of Galena, in the State of Illinois	140	166				
109	A bill for the relief of the heirs of William Fisher - - - -	144	167	167			
110	A bill to grant a tract of land to Villeneuve Le Blanc, in consideration of the benefit derived to the public lands from his services in damming up the mouth of False river - - -	144	172				
111	A bill respecting the payment of invalid pensions to officers in the naval and marine service of the United States -	144	164				
112	A bill to remit, on certain conditions, the duties on railroad iron - -	146					
113	A bill explanatory of "An act supplemental to the act entitled an act to grant pre-emption rights to settlers on the public lands," approved June 22, 1838 - - - - -	146	199				
114	A bill for the relief of Joseph Roby -	151					
115	A bill for the relief of C. E. Sherman -	154	199				
116	A bill for the preservation of the collections of natural curiosities furnished by the exploring squadron, and from other sources - - - -	154	240				
117	A bill to provide for the improvement of the navigation of the Mississippi river - - - - -	117					
118	A bill for the relief of Jacob Waggoner	160					

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Number.	Title.	First reading.	Proceedings before passage.	Passed Senate.	Passed H. R.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
119	A bill for the relief of John Moore -	162					
120	A bill to repeal the act to amend the act of the 10th of March, 1838, entitled "An act to change the time of holding the circuit and district courts in the district of Ohio," approved June 1, 1842 - - - -	162	186				
121	A bill to incorporate Georgetown College, in the District of Columbia -	166					
122	A bill for the relief of F. A. Kerr -	166					
123	A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of William W. Walker -	166					
124	A bill for the relief of John W. Skidmore - - - - - -	167	189				
125	A bill to authorize the settlement of the accounts between the United States and Richard M. Carter - -	170	278				
126	A bill for the relief of the heirs of Robert Fulton - - -	173					
127	A bill to amend the laws regulating imprisonment for debt in the District of Columbia - - - - -	181	231, 241	241	247	247, 270	285
128	A bill to provide for the publication of the debates and proceedings of Congress in a continued series, and to authorize one or more contracts for that purpose - - - -	182	203, 221, 232				
129	A bill explanatory of an act in relation to lands sold in Greensburgh, late St. Helena, land district of Louisiana, approved August 29, 1842 - -	182	182	182			
130	A bill to establish a collection district at Chicago, Illinois - - -	182	182				
131	A bill to enlarge the collection district of Michilimackinac, and to establish a port of entry at Chicago - -	184	184				
132	A bill for the relief of Asahel Brainard	185	185, 193	193	204	204, 210	216
133	A bill for the relief of Benjamin Adams & Co., and others - - -	190	190				
134	A bill to fix the value of certain foreign moneys of account, in computations at the customhouses - - -	190	190, 220, 221	221	267	271, 284, 294	293
135	A bill granting a pension to William McPherson - - - -	190	190, 194	194			
136	A bill granting lands to the several States for the education of the deaf, dumb, and blind, and for the relief of insane persons - - -	190	190, 207				
137	A bill to permit the entry of merchandise recovered from shipwreck, in certain cases, free of duty - -	198	198, 231, 241	241	267	270	285
138	A bill regulating the mode of paying over to the State of Alabama the two per cent. fund relinquished to that State - - - - - -	207	207				
139	A bill making an appropriation to continue the improvement of the navigation of the river Thames, in the State of Connecticut - - -	208	208				

BILLS OF THE SENATE—Continued.

Number.	Title.	First reading.	Proceedings before passage.	Passed Senate.	Passed H. R.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
140	A bill to provide for holding circuit courts at Williamsport in the western district of Pennsylvania - -	209	209, 211	211	292	292, 297, 298	298
141	A bill for the relief of John Grant -	230	230				
142	A bill for the further protection of commerce on the upper lakes - -	240					
143	A bill for the relief of Mary Zantzinger, widow of Major Richard A. Zantzinger, deceased - - -	251	251				
144	A bill to authorize the translation of a pamphlet on the culture and preparation of hemp - - - -	261	261				
145	A bill for the relief of the heirs of Samuel H. Thompson - - -	261	261				

RESOLUTIONS OF THE SENATE.

Number.	Title.	First reading.	Proceedings before passage.	Passed Senate.	Passed H. R.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
1	Resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, so as to limit the term of office of the judges of the supreme and inferior courts - - - - -	24	107				
2	Resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to settle on certain terms the liabilities of the sureties of Gordon D. Boyd, late receiver of public moneys at Columbus, Mississippi -	47	74, 96, 160				
3	Resolution for the distribution of certain copies of the census, and of the Compendium of the Sixth Census -	78	95, 172, 175	175	193	201, 210	216
4	Resolution authorizing the Postmaster General to contract for carrying the mail from Chicago to St. Joseph -	79	189				
5	Resolution directing the transfer of the stock held by the United States in the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company to the State of Maryland, and the cities of Washington, Georgetown, and Alexandria - - -	126	171, 175	175			
6	Resolution to provide for the adjustment with foreign countries by treaty of the rates of duties upon imports and exports on principles of just reciprocity - - - -	140					
7	Resolution authorizing the investment of the navy hospital fund - -	144	164				
8	Resolution to authorize an experiment to test the utility of an invention of Josiah W. Kirk - - -	167					

BILLS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Number	Title.	Received from H. R.	First reading.	Proceedings before passage.	Passed Senate.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
196	A bill for the relief of Joseph Nimblett	69	69	116, 258	259	268, 270, 276	287
198	A bill for the relief of Isaac Justice -	69	69				
199	A bill to change the place of holding the circuit and district courts in the district of Maine - - -	69	69	151	151	159, 177	183
205	A bill for the relief of Charles B. Hall, of Cincinnati - - - -	54	60	64, 116, 258	259	268, 270, 276	287
209	A bill for the relief of Robert Ramsay	54	60	105, 256	256	270, 273, 282, 284	
212	A bill authorizing the sale of lands, with the improvements thereon erected by the United States for the use of their agents, teachers, farmers, mechanics, and other persons employed among the Indians - - -	54	60	62, 110, 257	259	268, 270, 276	287
227	A bill for the relief of the owners, master, and crew of the schooner Martha, of Eastport, in the State of Maine - - - -	54	60	93, 130			
228	A bill for the relief of the owners, master, and crew of the schooner Codhook, of Blue Hill, Maine -	54	60	160, 259			
239	A bill to refund Charles Holt a fine imposed on him under the sedition law -	54	60	203			
283	A bill for the relief of George Hommill - - - - -	54	60	186, 260			
285	A bill granting a pension to Aquilla Goodwin - - - -	54	60				
286	A bill granting an increase of pension to Isaac Plumer - - -	54	60	213, 275			
288	A bill for the relief of Major Thomas Harrison - - - -	54	60	173, 255			
289	A bill for the relief of John Javins -	54	60	110, 257	259	268, 270, 276	286
290	A bill for the relief of John Farnham -	54	60	146, 259			
305	A bill for the relief of John McColgan	69	69				
319	A bill for the relief of Samuel Hambleton - - - -	54	60	83, 114, 118	118	125, 134	136
325	A bill for the relief of the vestry and churchwardens of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the parish of St. Philip, in Charleston, South Carolina	54	60	64, 78, 101			
326	A bill for the relief of Levi Eldridge and others - - - -	54	60	161, 259			
327	A bill for the relief of the owners, master, and crew of the schooner Joanna, of Ellsworth, Maine - - -	54	60	93, 130			
334	A bill in relation to the exemplifications of the records of land patents, and other evidences of title, and amendatory of the act, entitled "An act to reorganize the General Land Office"	171	171	192, 265	266	270, 273, 282, 284	
339	A bill to incorporate the Orphan Asylum and Female Free School of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia (289) - - - -	296					

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Number.	Title.	Received from H. R.	First reading.	Proceedings before passage.	Passed Senate.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
350	A bill to repeal so much of the "Act making an appropriation for the temporary support of certain destitute Kickapoo Indians," &c., as relates to the payment of clerks charged with the business of the Chickasaws -	209	210	239			
355	A bill for the relief of William Allen -	54	60	59, 101, 215, 218	218	241, 247, 250	256
356	A bill for the relief of Lloyd J. Bryan -	54	60	105, 259, 260			
357	A bill for the relief of Nancy Tompkins - - - - - -	54	60	105, 230			
358	A bill for the relief of Benjamin J. Totten - - - -	54	60	101, 216	216	232, 247, 250	256
359	A bill for the relief of Mary Crawford	54	60	101, 216	216	232, 247, 250	256
360	A bill granting to James Lowe one thousand dollars and a section of land	54	60	101, 216	216	232, 247, 251	256
361	A bill to protect the live oak and other timber on the public lands from trespass (296) - - - -						
362	A bill for the relief of Leah Tenure -	54	60	185, 259			
363	A bill for the relief of Ruth Mathiot -	54	60	250, 275	275	283, 284, 294	297
365	A bill for the relief of Carter B. Chandler - - - - - -	54	60	101, 215			
366	A bill for the relief of Henry Freeman	54	60	185, 260			
367	A bill for the relief of Sarah White, of the county of Belmont, and State of Ohio - - - - - -	54	60				
368	A bill for the relief of Nancy Byrd, widow of Baylor Byrd, a revolutionary soldier - - - -	54	60	214, 275			
369	A bill for the relief of Alice Usher -	54	60	100, 215			
370	A bill for the relief of Eve Vanderburgh	55	60				
371	A bill for the relief of Martha Damarine	55	60	116			
372	A bill for the relief of Elizabeth Dawkins - - - - - -	55	60	100, 132, 169, 250, 276			
373	A bill for the relief of Richard Marsh -	55	60	100, 215			
374	A bill for the relief of Joseph Bonnel -	55	60				
375	A bill for the relief of Nancy Hambright, widow of Captain John Hambright, deceased - - -	55	60	115, 187	187	200, 210	238
376	A bill for the relief of Tirzah Hunt -	55	60	139			
377	A bill granting a pension to Joseph Watson - - - - -	55	60	186, 260			
380	A bill for the payment of seven companies of Georgia militia, for services rendered in the years 1840 and 1841 -	55	60	83, 114, 126, 130	130	140, 141, 142, 147	159
381	A bill for the relief of David W. Haley	55	60	97, 215			
387	A bill for the relief of the heirs of Robert Fulton - - - -	193	193	199			
388	A bill for the relief of Allen Rogers -	55	60	94, 129, 256	257	270, 273, 282, 284	
389	A bill for the relief of William G. Saunders - - - - - -	55	60	97, 216	216	232, 247, 251	256
390	A bill for the relief of the owners and crew of the schooner Martha -	55	60	93, 130			

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Number.	Title.	Received from H. R.	First reading.	Proceedings before passage.	Passed Senate.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
391	A bill for the relief of the owners of the schooner Three Brothers - -	55	60	161, 259			
393	A bill to provide in certain cases for the sale of the real estate of infants within the District of Columbia -	107	110	170, 258	259	268, 270, 276	287
395	A bill for the relief of Gorham A. Worth, one of the sureties of Samuel Edmonds, deceased - - -	55	60	94, 122, 150, 172, 258	259	268, 270, 276	287
397	A bill for the relief of the representatives of Alexander Macomb, Robert Jennings, and the heirs and legal representatives of James Roddy, deceased, sureties of Samuel Champlin, late a paymaster in the army of the United States - - - -	55	60	78, 155, 163	163	171, 177	
401	A bill for the relief of William Gale -	55	60	146, 258	259	268, 270, 276	287
403	A bill to divide the State of Kentucky into two judicial districts - -	83	86				
404	A bill for the relief of Robert T. Norris - - - - - -	55	60	208, 275			
412	A bill for the relief of Teackle Savage, administrator of Bolitha Laws -	55	60	97, 124, 161, 259			
413	A bill for the relief of Charles Gordon, owner of the schooner Two Sons, and the legal representatives of the crew of said vessel - - - -	55	60	135, 258	259	269, 270, 276	287
414	A bill for the relief of Orrin Prentiss, of Stonington, Connecticut, owner of the schooner Lilly, and the crew of said vessel - - - -	55	60	94, 164			
415	A bill for the relief of Isaac Champlin and others, owners of the schooner Buffalo - - - - -	55	60	94, 164			
416	A Bill for the relief of Joseph Holmes and others, owners and legal representatives of the crew of the schooner Industry - - - - -	55	60				
420	A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Daniel Brent, deceased, late consul of the United States at Paris	55	60	129, 256	257	270, 273, 282, 284	
421	A bill for the relief of John A. Smith -	55	60	128, 260			
422	A bill for the relief of Edwin Bartlett, late consul of the United States at Lima, in Peru - - - -	55	60	128, 258	259	269, 270, [illegible]	287
427	A bill for the relief of the administrator of John Jackson - - -	55	60	83, 114, 118	118	124, 134 [illegible]	
428	A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Robert T. Spence -	55	60	207, 274	275	283, [illegible] 297	
429	A bill for the relief of Peter Lionberger	55	60	76, 98, 102	102	107, [illegible]	
430	A bill for the relief of John R. Delany	55	60	76, 98, 102	102	107, [illegible]	
435	A bill for the relief of Joseph W. Newcomb - - - - - -	55	60	203, 276		[illegible]	
447	A bill for the relief of Silvia Underwood, mother of Lieutenant Underwood, deceased - - -	55	60	219, 275		[illegible]	

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Number.	Title.	Received from H. R.	First reading.	Proceedings before passage.	Passed Senate.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
442	A bill for the relief of James Mount -	55	60	178			
443	A bill for the relief of Susan Brum -	55	60	106, 259			
447	A bill for the relief of Elizabeth Harris	56	60	185, 259			
448	A bill for the relief of Robert Layton's children - - - -	56	60	252, 274	275	283, 284, 294	296
449	A bill for the relief of Mary Elder -	56	60	185, 259			
450	A bill for the relief of the widow of Captain William Royall, deceased -	56	60	116, 255			
451	A bill for the relief of Prudence Couch	56	60	177, 260			
452	A bill for the relief of Anna Jones -	56	60	192			
453	A bill for the relief of Maria E. Brooks	56	60	192			
454	A bill for the relief of Asa Davis -	56	60	213, 275			
455	A bill for the relief of David Atkinson	56	60				
456	A bill for the relief of Samuel Neely -	56	60	121, 259			
457	A bill for the relief of James Sweetman	56	60	115, 257	257	269, 270, 276	287
458	A bill for the relief of Solomon Emerson - - - - - -	56	60	185, 258	259	269, 270, 276	287
459	A bill for the relief of Lyman N. Cook	56	60	185, 265	265	270, 273, 282, 284	
460	A bill for the relief of Gideon A. Perry	56	60	116, 259			
461	A bill for the relief of John F. Wiley -	56	60	116, 258	259	269, 270, 276	287
462	A bill for the relief of John Hicks -	56	60	110, 257	259	269, 270, 276	
463	A bill for the relief of Jona. P. Horton	56	60				
464	A bill for the relief of George Waddle	56	60	261, 275	275	283, 284, 294	296
467	A bill for the relief of Samuel Lord -	56	60	64, 116, 258	259	269, 270, 276	287
471	A bill for the relief of Caspar W. Wever - - - - - -	56	60	94, 164, 167,	167	171, 177	183
479	A bill for the relief of Richard Rush -	56	60	134, 258	259	269, 270, 276	287
483	A bill for the relief of William Selden, Treasurer of the United States -	151	154	161, 163, 167	167	171, 177, 183, 186	201
484	A bill for the relief of James M. Morgan - - - - - -	56	60	76, 98, 102	102	107, 114	127
485	A bill for the relief of John Drysdale -	56	60	113, 257	259	269, 270, 276	287
486	A bill for the relief of Garret Vleit -	56	60	129, 160, 257, 263	263	270, 273, 282, 285	
487	A bill for the relief of Elisha Moreland, William M. Kennedy, Robert J. Kennedy, and Mason E. Lewis - -	56	60	76, 98, 102	102	107, 114	127
489	A bill for the relief of Samuel D. Rose and others - - - - -	56	60	69, 95, 188	188	200, 210	239
490	A bill for the relief of Barent Stryker	56	60	69, 95, 132	132	140, 141, 142, 147	159
491	A bill for the relief of John Wharry -	56	60	100, 216	216	232, 247, 251	256
492	A bill for the relief of Mary McGee and Susan Pierce, heirs at law of George Neilson - - - - -	56	60	239, 274	275	283, 284, 294	296
493	A bill to revive an act, entitled "An act for the relief of John Davlin" -	56	60	239, 274	275	283, 284, 294	296
498	A bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to refund to David Watkinson & Co., a part of the duties imposed on a certain quantity of tin and iron imported by them into the port of New York - - - - - -	56	60	239, 274	275	283, 284, 294	296
499	A bill for the relief of Samuel Billings, owner of the fishing schooner Lurana	56	60	93, 130			

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Number.	Title.	Received from H. R.	First reading.	Proceedings before passage.	Passed Senate.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
501	A bill for the relief of the owners, officers, and crew of the armed brig Warrior, and their legal representatives - - - - -	56	60	76, 98			
508	A bill for the relief of Benjamin Evans	56	60	121, 259			
511	A bill for the relief of Joshua Drew -	56	60	64, 87, 95	95	101, 107, 114	127
518	A bill for the relief of Thomas Copeland - - - - - -	56	60	83, 114			
519	A bill to provide for the payment of the Iowa militia called into service in December, 1839 - - - -	141	144	144, 192, 275			
520	A bill for the relief of Sarah Parker -	56	60				
521	A bill for the relief of George P. Pollen and Robert Colegate - -	56	60	64, 189, 260			
522	A bill for the relief of Isaac and Thomas S. Winslow - - -	56	60	74, 98, 102	102	107, 114	127
524	A bill for the relief of Burr & Smith -	56	60	74, 98, 102	102	107, 114	127
525	A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Francis Pellicer -	56	60	129, 135, 161, 259			
526	A bill for the relief of Alexander H. Everett - - - - -	56	60	128, 260			
528	A bill for the relief of George Roush -	57	60	214			
529	A bill for the relief of Elizabeth Hillsman - - - - - -	57	60	166			
531	A bill for the relief of Esther Auger -	57	60	131, 187			
532	A bill for the relief of Wilmot Marsden, widow of George Marsden, deceased - - - -	57	60				
533	A bill for the relief of Abraham Vanhorn - - - - - -	57	60	214, 275			
534	A bill granting a pension to John Peak	57	60	100, 215			
535	A bill granting a pension to Israel Thomas - - - - - -	57	60	116, 258	259	269, 270, 276	287
536	A bill granting a pension to Joseph Westlake - - - - - -	57	60	252, 275			
541	A bill for the relief of Dexter Hungerford, of Watertown, Jefferson county, New York - - - -	57	60	83, 155			
543	A bill for the relief of Joseph Hover and Abelard Guthrie - - -	57	60	97, 214, 218	218	241, 247, 251	256
544	A bill to authorize the chief clerk in the office of the Secretary of State to frank public and official documents sent from that office - - -	121	124	154, 157	157	159, 177	183
545	A bill for the relief of Peters, Moore & Co. - - - - - -	57	60	141, 257	257	270, 273, 276, 282, 285	
546	A bill for the relief of Richard Coke, jr., Robert Anderson, and George W. Southall - - - - -	57	60	116, 258	259	269, 270	287
548	A bill to reduce the compensation to members of the Senate, members of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to the Delegates of the Territories and other officers, and repealing all other laws on that subject - - - - -	183	183	229			

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Number.	Title.	Received from H. R.	First reading.	Proceedings before passsage.	Passed Senate.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
550	A bill for the relief of Horace Wetherill	57	60	116, 258	259	269, 270, 277	287
551	A bill granting a pension to Robert Poindexter, of Kentucky - -	57	60	100, 215			
552	A bill for the relief of Ferdinand Leibert - - - - - -	57	60	74, 98, 102	102	107, 114	127
554	A bill for the relief of James B. Sullivan, of the county of Rapides, in the State of Louisiana - - -	57	60	121, 256	257	270, 273, 282, 285	
559	A bill for the relief of the Stockbridge tribe of Indians, in the Territory of Wisconsin - - - - -	69	69	139, 265	265	293, 297	298
561	A bill for the relief of Benjamin Truslow - - - - - -	57	60	131, 258	259	269, 270, 277	287
562	A bill for the relief of Nancy Terry, formerly widow of John Davis -	57	60				
563	A bill for the relief of Daniel Penhallow	57	60	230, 274	275	283, 284, 294	296
567	A bill for the relief of Snow Y. Sears	57	60	64, 87, 95	95	101, 114	127
568	A bill for the relief of John Gerard Ford - - - - - -	57	60	94, 164			
571	A bill for the relief of Samuel M. Asberry - - - - -	57	60	121, 256	257	270, 273, 282, 285	
575	A bill for the relief of John P. Skinner, and the legal representatives of Isaac Green - - - - -	57	60	78, 102, 126, 130	130	140, 141, 142, 147	159
577	A bill for the relief of S. Morris Waln	57	60	189, 260			
579	A bill for the relief of John Patten, jr., owner of the fishing schooner Credit, and the master and crew of said vessel	136	138	161, 259			
580	A bill for the relief of Abner Lowell and others, owners of the fishing schooner William - - -	136	138	161, 259			
582	A bill for the relief of Mary Williams, widow of Jacob Williams, deceased -	57	60	100, 215, 218	218	241, 247, 251	256
583	A bill for the relief of Joseph Ellery -	57	60	289	289	293, 297	298
587	A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Lieutenant F. W. Smith	57	60	208, 275			
588	A bill for the relief of James S. Calhoun	57	60	134, 231, 240	240	241, 249, 253, 257, 268, 269, 270, 277	286
589	A bill for the relief of Johnson Patrick	57	60	113, 257	259	269, 270, 277	287
590	A bill for the relief of Cornelius Wilson and James Canter - - -	57	60	76, 98, 102	102	107, 114	127
591	A bill for the relief of Wm. Ellery, owner of the fishing schooners Sevo and Ida, both of Gloucester, Massachusetts, and others - - -	136	138	161, 259	259		
592	A bill for the relief of John H. Russell and others, as owners, master, and crew of the fishing schooner Lucy Ann	136	138	161, 259			
593	A bill for the relief of Mary Broadstreet, Amos Tappan, and others - -	136	138	161, 259			
594	A bill for the relief of Knott Martin, 3d, and Arnold Martin, owners of the fishing schooner Only Son, and others	136	138	161, 258		269, 270, 277	287

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Number.	Title.	Received from H. R.	First reading.	Proceedings before passage.	Passed Senate.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
595	A bill for the relief of Barnabas Baker, jr., and others, of the fishing schooner						
596	Union, of Dennis, Massachusetts -	136	136	161, 259			
	A bill for the relief of Joseph W. Reckless	57	60	116, 260			
597	A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Henry Hoffman -	57	60	199, 275			
599	A bill for the relief of Hugh Riddle, of the State of New York - -	57	60	239, 274	275	283, 284, 295	296
600	A bill for the relief of John Skirving -	57	60	240, 276	276	292, 293, 297	298
601	A bill for the relief of Thomas King -	57	60	115, 187, 190	190	200, 210	238
602	A bill to modify the act, entitled "An act to provide for the better security of the lives of passengers on board of vessels propelled in whole or in part by steam," approved July 7, 1838 -	210	210	219, 264	265 268	268, 270, 274, 282, 285	
603	A bill to authorize the enrolment or register of the brig Neuva Granada -	57	60	115, 171	172	177, 183, 186	201
605	A bill for the relief of Joshua Knowles, jr., and others, owners and crew of the fishing schooner Garnet - -	136	138	161, 259			
608	A bill for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of William Lomax - - - - - -	57	60	146, 259			
611	A bill to provide for the erection of a marine hospital at Key West, in the Territory of Florida - - -	193	193	208, 276			
612	A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Captain Samuel Shannon, deceased - - -	57	60	76, 98, 102	102	107, 114	127
613	A bill for the relief of Elizabeth Whiteman - - - - -	58	60	166			
614	A bill to repeal the bankrupt act -	117	117	146, 195, 201, 206, 216, 222	229	241, 247, 251	296
615	A bill making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of the Government for the half calendar year ending the 30th day of June, 1843 -	45	45	46, 47	47	48, 51	69
616	A bill to transfer to the trustees of Centre College, in Kentucky, the lands heretofore granted to the Kentucky Asylum for teaching deaf and dumb -	39	39	123, 258	259	269, 270, 277	287
617	A bill for the relief of the representatives of Major General Baron De Kalb	83	86	112, 259			
619	A bill for the relief of Asahel Lee, Harvey Lee, and Samuel Lee - -	83	86	113. 257	259	269, 270, 277	287
620	A bill for the relief of John Core -	83	86	105, 220	221	232, 247, 251	256
621	A bill for the relief of Samuel B. Tuck	83	86	116, 259			
622	A bill for the relief of Thomas D. Gilson - - - - - -	83	86	105, 220	221	232, 247, 251	256
623	A bill for the relief of Joseph R. Chandler - - - - - -	83	86	170, 258	259	269, 270, 277	286
625	A bill for the relief of the heirs or assignees of the heirs of Isaac Todd and James McGill - - -	83	86	113, 254, 263	263	270, 274, 282, 285	
628	A bill for the relief of Jonathan Britton	83	86	146, 258	259	269, 270, 277	287
629	A bill for the relief of Daniel Dunham	83	86				

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Number.	Title.	Received from H. R.	First reading.	Proceedings before passage.	Passed Senate.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
630	A bill to prohibit extra allowances to any officer of the Government -	121	124	239, 275			
631	A bill to amend the act establishing a district court of the United States at Wheeling, Virginia - - -	75	77	78, 79	79	86, 114	127
632	A bill for the relief of David Allspatch	83	86				
633	A bill for the relief of John E. Hunt and others - - - - -	83	86	105, 220	221	232, 247, 251	256
634	A bill for the relief of Conrad House -	83	86	105, 230			
635	A bill for the relief of Boyd Reilly -	83	86	110, 265	265	270, 274, 282, 285	
637	A bill for the relief of George Randall, John C. Haskell, and Elisha H. Holmes	83	86	105, 221	221	241, 247, 251	256
638	A bill for the relief of Robert G. Ford	83	86	105, 220	221	232, 247, 251	256
639	A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of William T. Smith -	151	154	203			
640	A bill for the relief of Catharine Wilson - - - - - -	83	86	192, 193			
641	A bill to test the practicability of establishing a system of electro-magnetic telegraphs by the United States -	210	210	219, 271, 278	278	283, 295	296
645	A bill making appropriations for the support of the army, and of the military academy, and for armories, arsenals, arms, and munitions of war, and surveys, for the half calendar year ending the 30th June, 1843, and for the fiscal year beginning 1st July, 1843, and ending 30th June, 1844 -	141	144	144, 151, 167	168	189, 194, 209, 217, 232, 238, 247, 251	256
646	A bill for the relief of Charles Waldron	136	138	170, 258	259	269, 270, 277	286
647	A bill for the relief of John Randolph Clay, late Secretary of Legation of the United States at the Court of Vienna - - - - - -	136	138	170, 258	259	269, 270, 277	286
648	A bill for the relief of Jacob White -	136	138	166, 211	212	216, 229, 242	239
651	A bill regulating the taking of testimony in cases of contested elections, and for other purposes - - -	216	218	240			
653	A bill for the relief of George C. Johnston - - - - - -	136	138	162, 260, 279	279	283, 284, 295	296
654	A bill for the relief of William Fabre -	83	86	105, 220	221	232, 247, 251	256
655	A bill granting a pension to certain widows of revolutionary soldiers -	193	193	230, 280	281	292, 293, 297	298
656	A bill for the relief of James Gray -	136	138	166, 258	259	269, 270, 277	286
657	A bill supplemental to the act of the 24th May, 1828, to continue a copyright to John Rowlett - -	83	86	116, 258	259	269, 270, 277	287
659	A bill making appropriations for the naval service for the half calendar year beginning the 1st January, and ending 30th June, 1843, and for the fiscal year beginning the first day of July, 1843, and ending the 30th June, 1844 - - - - - -	159	162	181, 200, 202, 204, 210	211	255, 267, 268, 272, 282, 283, 284, 295	296

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Number.	Title.	Received from H. R.	First reading.	Proceedings before passage.	Passed Senate.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
660	A bill making appropriations for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes, and for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department for the half calendar year beginning January 1, and ending June 30, 1843, and for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1843, and ending June 30, 1844 - - - - -	209	210	213, 243, 248	248	253, 256, 263, 264	288
661	A bill making appropriations for pensions for the half calendar year beginning January 1, and ending June 30, 1843; and for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1843, and ending June 30, 1844	151	154	160, 163	163	171, 177	183
664	A bill for the relief of Mrs. Ann W. Angus - - - -	136	138	146, 259			
665	A bill for the relief of Elizabeth Gresham, widow of George Gresham -	136	138	185, 258	259	269, 270, 277	287
666	A bill for the relief of Elizabeth Powers	136	138	186, 259	259	269, 270, 277	286
667	A bill for the relief of George A. Winslow - - - - - -	136	138	170, 258	259	269, 270, 277	286
668	A bill to authorize the election or appointment of officers in the Territory of Wisconsin - - - -	193	193	214, 274	275	283, 284, 295	
670	A bill making appropriations for certain fortifications of the United States for the half calendar year beginning January 1, and ending June 30, 1843, and for the fiscal year beginning on the 1st July, 1843, and ending on the 30th of June, 1844 - - - -	209	210	213, 243, 248	248	253, 256, 264, 277	287
671	A bill further to continue in force the act for the payment of horses and other property lost in the military service of the United States - -	121	124	134, 257	257	270, 274, 282, 285	
672	A bill for the relief of Mary Barry, widow and administratrix of Thomas Barry - - - - - -	136	138	170, 259			
673	A bill for the relief of Mary Pike, widow of Simeon Pike - - -	136	138				
674	A bill for the relief of Jeremiah Kimball - - - - - -	136	138	185, 257	257	270, 274, 282, 285	
678	A bill for the protection of commerce on the western shores of Lake Michigan - - - - - -	193	193	230, 279	279	292, 293, 297	298
681	A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Robt. A. Kelly, deceased	136	138	250, 274	275	284, 295	296
683	A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Lieutenant William S. Eveleth - - - - -	136	138	161, 258	259	269, 270, 277	287
686	A bill granting a quantity of land for the improvement of Grant river, at the town of Potosi, in Wisconsin Territory - - - - - -	151	154				

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Number.	Title.	Received from H. R.	First reading.	Proceedings before passage.	Passed Senate.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
691	A bill for the relief of the heirs of Philander Smith and James Young -	136	138	162, 258	259	269, 270, 277	287
693	A bill providing for the settlement of the claims for supplies furnished the Florida militia - - -	151	154	198, 274	275	284, 295	297
697	A bill to provide for carrying into effect the treaty between the United States and Great Britain, concluded at Washington on the 9th day of August, 1842	247	247	252, 265	265	274, 282, 285	
699	A bill making an appropriation for completing the public buildings in Florida	193	193	251			
700	A bill for the relief of Jacob Miller -	136	138	199, 275			
701	A bill granting a pension to David Mann - - - - -	136	138	177, 260			
702	A bill for the relief of Samuel Edgecomb - - - - - -	136	138	203, 275			
703	A bill for the relief of Nancy Wilson -	136	138	252, 274	275	284, 295	297
704	A bill for the relief of D. and T. Wilkinson - - - - -	136	138	154, 259			
705	A bill for the relief of Andrew Fisher -	136	138	144, 258	259	269, 270, 277	287
706	A bill for the relief of Gamaliel E. Smith - - - - - -	136	138	262	262	269, 270, 277	287
707	A bill for the relief of William W. Street - - - - -	136	138	144, 171	172	177, 183, 186	201
708	A bill for the relief of Samuel Hoffman	137	138	239, 275			
711	A bill for the relief of Jane McGuire, widow of Major Thomas McGuire, deceased - - - - -	137	138	185, 260			
712	A bill for the relief of Sampson Brown -	137	138	166, 259			
713	A bill for the relief of William Patterson - - - - - -	137	138	166, 259			
714	A bill providing for the insane asylum in the District of Columbia (282) -	296					
715	A bill to provide for pauper lunatics in the District of Columbia (282) -	296					
717	A bill to set aside certain reservations of lands on account of live oak, in the southeastern district of Louisiana -	137	138	162, 258	259	269, 270, 277	287
718	A bill for the relief of Maria Fowler -	137	138	199			
719	A bill for the relief of the children of Mary Rhinevault, deceased - -	137	138				
720	A bill providing the means of future intercourse between the United States and the Government of China -	204	204	240, 291, 292	292	297, 297, 298	299
722	A bill to reduce the number and compensation of the officers and others employed at the port of New York -	171	171	174, 185, 208			
723	A bill for the relief of Richard Sneed	137	138	267	267	269, 270, 277	287
725	A bill for the relief of Thomas Weaver and Jacob Heyberger, sureties of the Norristown and Valley Railroad Company - - - - - -	151	154	166, 189, 295	295	297, 298	299
728	A bill for the relief of S. and M. Riche	137	138	154, 258	259	269, 270, 277	287
729	A bill for the relief of John Hodgkin -	137	138	207, 274	275	284, 295	297
731	A bill for the relief of Thomas H. Brown - - - - -	137	138	154, 259			
732	A bill for the relief of Samuel K. Jennings - - - - - -	137	138	240, 274	275	284, 295	297

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Number.	Title.	Received from H. R.	First reading.	Proceedings before passage.	Passed Senate.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
733	A bill for the relief of John Skirving -	151	154	170, 258	259	269, 270, 277	287
734	A bill for the relief of Rebecca Guest	137	138	203, 275			
736	A bill in favor of Frances M. Lewis, widow of William Lewis - -	137	138	213			
737	A bill in favor of Mary Neale - -	137	138	213			
738	A bill authorizing an examination and survey of the harbor of Memphis, Tennessee - - - -	209	210	213, 274	275	284, 295	297
739	A bill for the relief of John McGinnis, a soldier in the late war - -	152	154	214, 274	275	284, 295	297
740	A bill to authorize the investigation of alleged frauds under the pre-emption laws, and for other purposes - -	171	171	199, 276, 278	278	292, 293, 296, 297	298
741	A bill to confirm to Elizabeth Burris, her heirs or assigns, their title to a tract of land - - - -	152	154	230, 275			
742	A bill for the relief of legal representatives of John Peters, deceased -	152	154	214, 274	275	284, 295	296
743	A bill for the relief of certain companies of Michigan militia - -	152	154	178	178	194, 210	239
745	A bill explanatory of an act supplemental to the act, entitled "An act to grant pre-emption rights to settlers on the public lands," approved June 22, 1838 - - - - -	247	247	250, 267			
748	A bill making appropriations for the payment of navy pensions due on the 1st day of July, 1843, and on the 1st day of January, 1844 - - -	209	210	213, 544, 248	248	256, 269, 270, 277	286
749	A bill for the relief of Samuel Weller	193	193	207, 274	275	284, 295	296
752	A bill providing for the sale of certain lands in the States of Ohio and Michigan ceded by the Wyandot tribe of Indians, and for other purposes -	247	247	250, 289	289	293, 297	298
753	A bill for the relief of Seth Sweetser -	152	154	203, 275			
754	A bill for the relief of Hannah Jenkins, widow of James Jenkins, deceased -	152	154	214, 274	275	284, 295	297
755	A bill granting a pension to John Carey, a free man of color - - -	152	154	213, 275			
756	A bill for the relief of Patrick Masterson - - - - -	152	154	185, 260			
761	A bill to allow a pension to Nancy Williams, widow of David Williams, who was one of the captors of Major Andre	152	154	182, 258	259	270, 277	286
762	A bill to amend an act, entitled "An act making an appropriation for the erection of a marine hospital at or near Ocracoke, North Carolina -	187	187	208	208	216, 229, 242	239
765	A bill for the relief of George Harrison (282, 289) - - - - -						
766	A bill to provide for the completion of the Potomac bridge, in the District of Columbia, (282, 289) - - -	296					
767	A bill amendatory of an act establishing the branch mint at Dahlonega, Georgia, and defining the duties of assayer and coiner - - -	187	187	208	209	216, 229, 242	239

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Number.	Title.	Received from H. R.	First reading.	Proceedings before passage.	Passed Senate.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
768	A bill to fix the compensation of the Commissioner of Public Buildings -	157	162	186, 257	257	270, 274, 282, 285	
770	A bill to bring into the Treasury moneys received by certain public officers before they can be disbursed, and for other purposes - - -	201	204	278			
773	A bill to continue in force an act therein mentioned, relative to the port of Baltimore - - - - -	175	180	185, 187, 190	190	201, 210	238
774	A bill to reduce the salary of the surveyor of the port of Camden, New Jersey - - - - -	175	180	185, 258	259	270, 277	286
775	A bill to repeal the act, entitled "An act to extend the collection district of Wiscasset" - - - - -	175	180	279	279	284, 295	296
782	A bill to authorize the reissue of treasury-notes, and for other purposes -	201	204	239, 271	271	286, 289, 292, 293, 294, 297	298
783	A bill to amend an act, entitled "An act for the relief of George Mayfield," approved July 27, 1842 - -	171	171	182, 183	183	193, 194, 210	238
788	A bill regulating the mode of paying over to the State of Alabama the two per cent. fund relinquished to said State by the act approved on the 4th day of September, 1841 - -	209	210	214, 218	218	241, 242, 247, 251	256
792	A bill to divide the United States into two military districts, (292, 298)						
794	A bill for the relief of John Wolfenden	183	183	190, 259	259	270, 277	286
798	A bill for the relief of John P. Schuyler	209	210	250			
803	A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Antoine Vasques and others - - - - -	209	210	230			
804	A bill making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of Government for the fiscal year ending the 30th day of June, 1844 - -	247	247	261, 271, 278	278	283, 286, 290, 292, 293, 296, 297, 298	298
806	A bill directing the survey of the northern line of the reservation for the half-breeds of the Sac and Fox tribes of Indians by the treaty of 4th August, 1824 - - - - - -	204	204	239, 275	275	284, 295	296
811	A bill for the relief of John Everly -	209	210	250			
816	A bill amendatory of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of sick and disabled seamen" - - -	209	210	219	219	242, 247, 251	256
820	A bill to establish a port of delivery at the city of Lafayette, in the State of Louisiana - - - - -	247	247	264			
824	A bill to change the times of holding the circuit and district courts for the district of East Tennessee - -	247	247	251	252	270, 277	287

RESOLUTIONS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Number.	Title.	Received from H. R.	First reading.	Proceedings before passage.	Passed Senate.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
21	Resolution for the relief of Benjamin Ogle Tayloe - - - - -	152	154	249, 289	289		
22	Resolution for the distribution of catalogues of the Library of Congress -	39	39	42, 62	65	86, 114	127
23	Resolution directing certain papers relating to titles to land in Louisiana to be returned to the General Land Office	69	69	162, 258	259	270, 278	288
29	Resolution to establish agencies for water-rotted hemp - - -	117	117	121, 139, 163	164	171, 177, 183, 186	201
30	Resolution for continuing an additional clerk in the Second Auditor's Office -	117	117	203, 275	275	284, 295	297
35	Resolution presenting the thanks of Congress to Samuel T. Washington for the service sword of George Washington and the staff of Benjamin Franklin - - - - - -	158	158	158	158	194, 203	
37	Resolution directing payment of the certificates or awards issued by the commissioners under the treaty with the Cherokee Indians - -	222	229	261, 275	275	284, 295	
39	Resolution relating to patents for bounty lands - - - - - -	175	180	182, 257	257	270, 274, 282, 285	
40	Resolution in relation to certain property purchased for the United States in the city of Detroit - - -	247	247	264, 275	275	284, 295	297
45	Resolution to authorize the Postmaster General to settle with J. and P. Voorhees - - - - - -	247	247	262, 275	275	284, 295	297
46	A bill to present to the British Government a set of standard weights and measures (296, 298) - - -	298	299	299	299		
47	Resolution explanatory of an act for the relief of Thomas King (271, 281, 282) - - - - - -	290 267	290	290	290	293, 297, 298	298